

Lander Rotary Programs and Politics Procedure

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Bottom Line: If Lander/Wyoming citizens are voting on it (person or issue), it's not a program.

Specifics:

Election Year Respite. On election years, if an issue or person is on the ballot, they may not be the program. This timeline will begin as soon as someone declares their candidacy, an issue is certified for the ballot, or at the opening of Early Voting in the Primary. The respite on political programs will continue through the general election.

In Non-Election Times. The Program Chair is encouraged to look for speakers who are non-partisan and experts in their field. It is important to have a variety of speakers and the Program Chair should work hard to keep speakers connected to any sort of political topic to less than 15% of total programs.

Special Invitations. These invitations are to take place outside of the political respite period.

- After the Legislative Session, the locally elected Senator and Members of the House of Representatives will each be invited to give a program to share their experiences and viewpoints.
- In February of each year the Mayor (or their designee) and the a member of the County Commission (or their designee) will each be invited to deliver a program.
- The Top 5 Elected State Officials are welcome to deliver a program at any time they are outside the window of declaring a candidacy for re-election. These elected officials should be asked not to advocate or lobby for something on the ballot.

Email to all speakers

Dear [Speaker's Name],

Thank you for agreeing to speak at our upcoming Rotary meeting. We are looking forward to your insights. To ensure alignment with our Rotary club's guidelines, we kindly ask you to follow these principles during your presentation:

1. **Remain Non-Partisan:** Avoid endorsing or opposing any political candidates, parties, or initiatives and ballot issues.
2. **Focus on Education:** Feel free to discuss topics that impact the community, nation, or world, as long as they are presented in a neutral, fact-based manner.

We value your contribution to creating an informative and respectful discussion for our members. Please let us know if you have any questions or need clarification regarding these guidelines.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. We look forward to your presentation!

Best regards,