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ELECTION GUIDE 2022



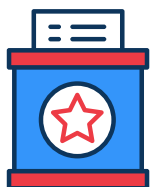
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ABC Votes is on a mission to inform and empower voters across the United States!



www.abcvotes.com

ABC Votes features election guide tools, priority issue briefings, printable resources, and more.



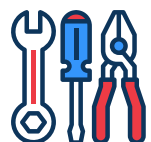
Election Center

Visit the ABC Votes Election Center to learn more about who is running for office in the area you live in or work! You will also find helpful polling information, voter registration information, and election websites.



Issues

Learn more about the key issues the construction industry faces everyday.



Resources

ABC Votes offers resources for ABC Chapters and ABC Members, including the must-know “Do’s and Don’ts”! The resources listed on the ABC Votes website can be used as tools when deciding to host a fundraiser or event, supporting candidates, and much more.

*ABC Votes is powered by the Free Enterprise Alliance (FEA),
the issue advocacy arm of the Associated Builders and Contractors.*

A list of do's and don'ts to help you stay “legal” during the election cycle

DO'S:

An ABC member company may announce at a press conference or in a press release (sent to regular press contacts) that it has made a “candidate endorsement” to its restricted class, as long as it involves minimal cost.

A company is both allowed and encouraged to put up nonpartisan signs that emphasize the importance of registering and voting. These signs may appear in public areas. A company may also use signs, billboards, and advertisements for issue advocacy purposes. Please consult ABC National or an election law attorney regarding any message issued to the general public.

An ABC member company may sponsor non-partisan get-out-the-vote and voter registration drives. A company may provide transportation to the polls and other similar services. Those receiving information or assistance must be notified at the time of the drive that these services will be available regardless of their political preference.

ABC member companies may distribute voter guides obtained from nonprofit organizations to employees and the general public, provided that the guides comply with FEC regulations. In order to do so, the guides must provide all candidates for a particular office an equal opportunity to respond (with limited exceptions for presidential races). No candidate may be featured more prominently than any other, and the space allotted for responses must be the same for each candidate.

ABC members may send partisan communications to its own restricted class. If an ABC member or chapter spends more than \$2000 per election on a communication to its restricted class supporting a candidate running for federal office, the expenditure must be reported to the Federal Election Commission.

An ABC member company may participate in issue advocacy directed at its members, employees, and the general public. Issue advocacy may be used to praise or criticize individuals in the context of an issue-specific discussion and must have a call to action unrelated to any campaign action. Personal or corporate money may be used for this purpose, but you should consult an attorney before engaging in any type of issue advocacy that mentions an incumbent legislator, candidate, or political party. This is important as there may be restrictions surrounding the timing and placement of the advocacy piece, and it may trigger reporting requirements. You must also cite the organization, person, or company that paid for the issue advocacy piece.

Use any resource available to talk to your employees. Posters and bulletin board announcements may be put up to promote a stance on an issue. Envelope stuffers, or informational flyers that fit inside paycheck envelopes, are also effective tools that can easily deliver messages emphasizing the importance of worker involvement. You can use specific days to highlight related issues. For instance, on April 15, Tax Day, host an event or send an e-mail that highlights how tax policy impacts employees. On Flag Day or Memorial Day, discuss the freedoms that our armed forces protect, especially the freedom to vote. Around Labor Day, showcase the benefits of the merit industry. Contact ABC National or visit our web site (www.abc.org) for sample posters, announcements, and envelope stuffers.

DON'TS:

Coordinate a “candidate endorsement” with a candidate.

An ABC member company may not put up any sign in a public area that expressly advocates for the election of any candidate.

Get-out-the-vote services must be provided without regard to party affiliation or voting preference. Compensation of the individuals conducting these activities must not be related to or effected by the overall success of the operation.

The voter guide may not contain express advocacy, contain an electioneering message, or proceed to score or rate the candidates’ responses in such a way that conveys an electioneering message. An ABC member company may not prepare or distribute voter guides in conjunction with a campaign or as part of an endorsement of any candidate or party. The official ABC voting records of elected officials may be distributed under separate FEC regulations.

The use of corporate funds and/or the ABC letterhead to send letters of partisan communication beyond the restricted class is prohibited.

Issue advocacy pieces may not contain words and/or phrases such as “vote for,” “elect” or “defeat,” which are designed to influence an election by expressly urging support or opposition of a candidate.



What is the ABC Action App?

ABC Action is an advanced advocacy tool that enables members to become a vital part of ABC's grassroots advocacy efforts and allows you to make your voice heard on Capitol Hill and in state capitols. Through this mobile app, users can receive alerts directly to their device and send messages to their elected officials in a matter of just a few clicks.

Who can use the ABC Action App?

Anyone is welcome to download and use ABC Action. That includes member company employees of ABC's 69 state and local chapters, chapter staff, prospective members and nonmembers that may share similar viewpoints.

What are some of the features on the ABC Action App?

When downloading ABC Action, a profile is created, matching a person with their federal and state elected officials based on the address provided. This personalized profile then lets users communicate with their officials through their phones or tablets and share information with their co-workers and friends through email, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter or text.

Other features include:

- Enhanced legislator profiles, with interactive links to their official government websites and Twitter accounts.
- Detailed contact information for elected officials and voting records on key issues (U.S. Congress).
- Priority issue briefs detailing the current status of construction industry topics from a federal perspective.
- A rotating suite of interactive banners that will take users to other ABC-priority destinations, like the Free Enterprise Alliance website and annual Merit Shop Scorecard, within the app.
- A customized Twitter feed populated with the latest tweets from relevant accounts affiliated with federal agencies, U.S. Senate and House committees, ABC National and more.

Try it out for yourself.

Download the ABC Action App today!

Visit <https://abc.org/action> or scan the QR code below to get started.



WHAT IS ABC PAC?

Associated Builders Contractors Political Action Committee (ABC PAC) was founded in 1978 and is the merit shop construction industry's voice in elective politics. The purpose of ABC PAC is to work within the federal election process to further the goals of the association through direct involvement in supporting and opposing candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Senate and the Office of the President by collecting voluntary contributions from the executive and administrative personnel of ABC Members.

WHO CAN GIVE TO ABC PAC?

FEC regulation restrict the solicitation of individuals employed by corporate members of ABC. Per FEC regulations, only individuals in the "restricted class" of ABC member companies who have given Prior Authorization are eligible to be solicited to contribute to ABC PAC.

WHAT CAN BE GIVEN TO ABC PAC?

The FEC has placed strict regulations on the types and amounts of contributions that can be given to ABC PAC. **Contributions to ABC PAC MUST be from personal accounts and are not tax deductible.** For ABC PAC, contributions can only be accepted up to \$5,000 per individual per year whether through a one time or monthly contribution.

HOW TO LEARN MORE:

In 2019, ABC PAC launched a brand new ABC PAC portal. To learn more about ABC PAC and sign a prior authorization please visit the online portal:

<https://pac.abc.org>
(password: ABCPAC).



WHAT IS FEA?

The Free Enterprise Alliance (FEA) is an entity of Associated Builders and Contractors, and acts as the issue advocacy arm of ABC. The purpose of FEA is to advocate for the voice of small business and fair and open competition and provides funding to issue advocacy campaigns around the country. FEA's mission is to educate ABC members and their employees, elected officials, and the public about the issues important to open competition in America.

WHO CAN GIVE TO FEA?

FEA can accept contributions from ABC Members. FEA does not have a Prior Authorization requirement. Any individual or corporation who supports the merit shop philosophy can contribute to FEA.

WHAT CAN BE GIVEN TO FEA?

FEA may accept unlimited corporate and personal donations. All contributions are voluntary and are not tax deductible for federal income tax purposes.

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE TO FEA:

FEA contributions can be given online at <https://freeenterprisealliance.org/> or through check mailed to FEA's attention at ABC National. ABC Chapters can also give to FEA through the dues check off process.

WHY GIVE TO FEA?

FEA utilizes intensive research, digital campaigns, media outreach, television advertisements, radio spots, etcetera to advocacy for free enterprise at the federal, state and local level. Over the past few years, FEA's issue advocacy efforts included:

- voter education across all 50 states;
- media outreach including television advertisements and radio segments;
- intensive issue-based research and polling;
- digital campaigns at the federal, state, and local level; and
- in-state events and rallies, as well as door to door education visits to ABC members.





ABC PAC PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Please mail your completed form to: **ABC PAC, 440 1st St., N.W., Ste. 200, Washington, D.C. 20001**

Questions? Send an email to pac@abc.org or call (202) 595-1505

Name:	Title:	
Company:	ABC Chapter:	
Email:	Phone:	
Company Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:

Federal law requires members to sign this prior authorization form in order for the executive or administrative personnel of the member corporation to be solicited by ABC PAC. The company may not approve a solicitation by any other trade association for these years. On behalf of my company, I hereby authorize ABC PAC to solicit voluntary contributions from the executive and administrative personnel and stockholders of my company for the following years. My company has not authorized a solicitation by any other trade association for the same calendar year(s).

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FREE ENTERPRISE ALLIANCE

Yes, I want to support ABC's issue advocacy and political education fund!

The Free Enterprise Alliance may accept both **corporate** and **personal** contributions; but they are **NOT** tax deductible.

My FEA contribution amount is:

☐ \$10,000 ☐ \$2,500 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$250
☐ \$5,000 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ Other: \$ _____ ☐ Invoice: \$ _____

Contact Information

Name: _____

Title: _____

Company Name: _____

Company Address: _____

City, State. Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

ABC Chapter: _____

Payment Information (or visit us online at
<https://freeenterprisealliance.org/donate/>)

☐ Check Enclosed (payable to Free Enterprise Alliance)

Credit Card: ☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ AMEX

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Name on Card (Print): _____

Authorized Signature: _____

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