

VOTERS GUIDE

2014 ELECTION SEASON

Re: Voter Guides, Voter Registration and Your Tax Exempt Status

Dear Pastor,

Every year I hear about groups like Americans United for the Separation of Church and State sending out letters to churches warning them not to distribute their voter guides for fear of losing their § 501(c)(3) tax exempt status. I write to give you my assurance that distribution of the Pennsylvania Family Institute's Voters' Guide will not jeopardize your tax exempt status. It is a non-partisan guide that can be distributed by churches without any fear of causing problems with the IRS.

You and your church are also legally able to engage in nonpartisan voter registration drives, voter identification, get out the vote efforts and voter education.

If you have questions about what you can do as a church or as a pastor during election time, please do not hesitate to give me a call. In fact, the Independence Law Center would be happy to counsel any pastor who wishes to boldly talk about candidates during this election season. Further, we stand ready to defend, free of charge, any pastor who, after counseling with us, wishes to push the envelope and exercise the constitutional and God given rights to speak and to freely exercise religious beliefs.

While speaking out about candidates takes a boldness and wisdom, distributing PFI's Voters' Guide is completely safe. Great pains are taken in creating the Voters' Guide so that it will not cause problems for any § 501(c)(3) organization that wishes to distribute it. And thank you for your commitment to helping your flock to be able to vote in an educated manner.

Sincerely yours,



Randall Wenger
Chief Counsel

