

CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Section 31

1. Original Charter section approved by voters April 7, 1931

Section 31. CITY EMPLOYEES OUT OF POLITICS. Neither the City Manager nor any person in the employ of the City, other than elective officers, shall take any active part in any municipal campaign, or in securing or in contributing or soliciting the contribution of money toward the nomination or election of any candidate for municipal office. Any person found guilty of violation of this Section of the Charter shall immediately forfeit his office or employment. The personnel director is charged with the enforcement of this provision and the decision of the Civil Service Commission or Council in any case arising thereunder shall be final and conclusive.

2. Amendment voted 09-17-1963; effective 02-11-1964

Section 31. POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

(a) No officer or employee of the City, except elected officers and unsalaried members of commissions, shall take an active part opposing or supporting any candidates in any City of San Diego political campaign or make contributions thereto in behalf of any candidates, nor shall such person seek signatures to any petition seeking to advance the candidacy of any person for any municipal office. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent any officer or employee, whether Classified or Unclassified, from seeking election or appointment to public office or from being active in State and Federal political campaigns, in any bond issue campaign including municipal bond issues, or from being active in local political campaigns, except in the City of San Diego.

(b) Every municipal employee shall prohibit the entry into any place under his control occupied for any purpose of the municipal government, of any person for the purpose of therein making, collecting, receiving, or giving notice of any political assessment, subscription, or contribution.

3. Amendment voted 11-06-1979; effective 12-17-1979

See current Charter.