



NATIONAL RESISTANCE MOVEMENT DIRECTORATE OF LEGAL SERVICES.

CIRCULAR TO ALL FLAGBEARERS

GENERAL GUIDELINE TO NRM CANDIDATES ON THE CAMPAIGN AND ELECTORAL CONDUCT.

The Directorate of Legal Services extends its congratulations to all the candidates of the NRM upon your election as party flagbearers in your respective categories. We also extend our congratulations to you for having been successfully endorsed by the party and nominated by the National Electoral Commission. You are now candidates of the NRM party, and you carry the support of over 18 million members. As you have now been nominated, the electoral cycle has fully begun.

The Directorate of Legal Service encourages you to familiarize yourselves with the relevant electoral laws i.e.

- **The Political Parties and Organisations Act;**
- **The Electoral Commission Act;**
- **The Parliamentary Elections Act;**
- **The Local Governments Act;**

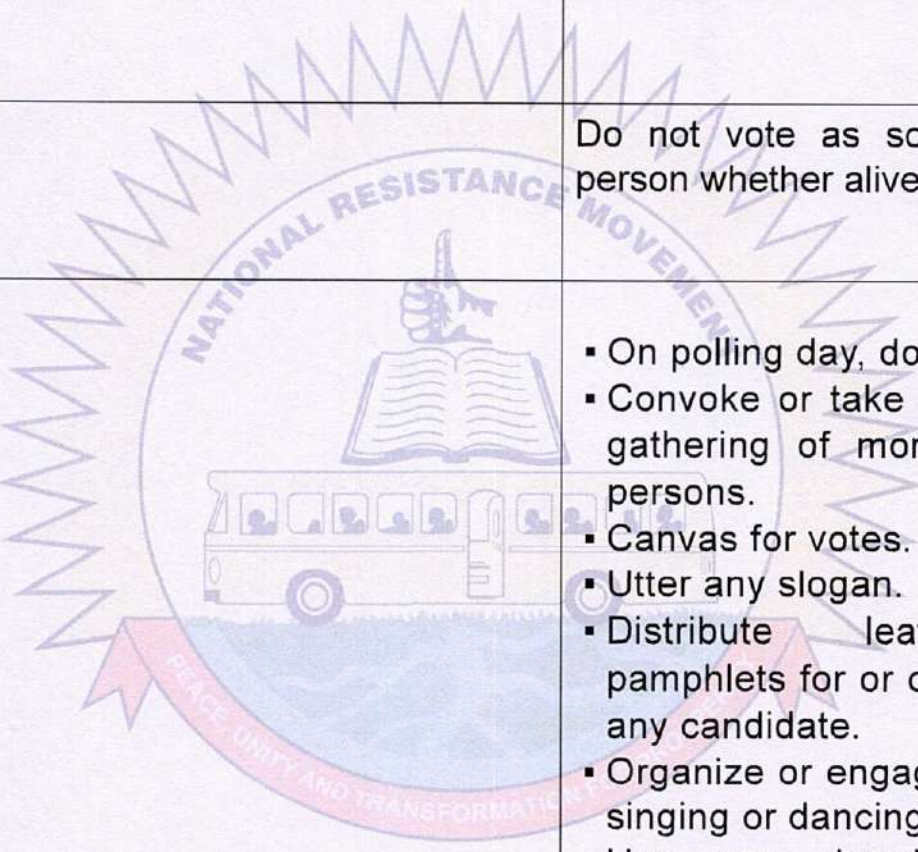
We also encourage you to seek advice on these and any other laws during your campaign period.

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	THE DO's.	THE DON'Ts.
	Observe and follow all the electoral and other laws throughout the campaign and election process.	Do not use any language which is defamatory or insulting or which constitutes incitement to hatred or violence.
	Follow and respect the campaign guidelines issued by the Electoral Commission.	Do not use any language which constitutes incitement to public disorder, insurrection or violence or which threatens war.
	Promote freely the NRM political agenda and manifesto while canvassing for votes in your electoral area through the various media platforms.	Do not make any form of threats to use force or violence directly or indirectly against any person.
	Promote peaceful and orderly campaigns tolerating each other's opposing views.	DO NOT personally or through campaign agents GIVE OUT ANY FORM OF GIFTS whatsoever, including MONEY or OTHER FORM OF CONSIDERATION to anyone whatsoever during the campaign period. [It can be interpreted to be a bribe which is an election offence.] Specifically; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid fundraising events in your places of worship and local schools. • Avoid distribution of money at any event.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid distribution of any other items that may be considered as intended to bribe voters.
	Adhere to guidelines issued by the Independent Electoral Commission	Do not personally or through campaign agents or mobilizers carry out any acts that may amount to electoral offences or illegal practices under the electoral laws
	You can provide refreshments or food as an election expense at a Candidate's planning and organization meeting.	Do not offer any alcoholic beverages to any person.
	Above everything else, follow the law to the letter.	Do not solicit any money, gifts or other consideration during campaigns period
	Follow your campaign program as agreed upon with the Independent Electoral Commissioner	Do not allow any prohibited person to vote. [Prohibited persons include all persons under the age of 18 years, unregistered voters and persons who are not citizens of Uganda.]
		Do not make any false or reckless statements (whether true or false) concerning the personal character of other candidates whether written, spoken or by song.

		Do not disrupt any candidate's meeting.
		Do not publish any false statements as to illness, death or withdrawal of a candidate.
		Do not vote more than once.
		Do not vote as some other person whether alive or dead.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ On polling day, do not; ▪ Convoke or take part in any gathering of more than 12 persons. ▪ Canvas for votes. ▪ Utter any slogan. ▪ Distribute leaflets or pamphlets for or on behalf of any candidate. ▪ Organize or engage in public singing or dancing; or ▪ Use any band or any musical instrument, ▪ Sell liquor or any intoxicant.
		Do not deface notices and posters of other candidates without lawful excuse.

		During the campaign period, do not;
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Make false statements whether knowingly or in respect of which the maker is reckless whether they are true or false, ▪ Make malicious statements, ▪ Make statements containing sectarian words or innuendoes, ▪ Make abusive, insulting or derogatory statements, ▪ Make exaggerations or use caricatures of the candidate or use words of ridicule, ▪ Use derisive or mudslinging words against a candidate, ▪ Use songs, poems and images with any of the effects described above.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Do not use a symbol or colour which has a tribal, religious affiliation or any other sectarian connotation as a basis for your candidature or in support of your campaign.

		Do not threaten the supporters of your opponent.
		Do not use government or public resources for the purpose of campaigning for an election except as authorized under the law.
		Do not publish false statements as to illness, death or withdrawal of a candidate.
		Do not obstruct a voter or an aspiring candidate to vote or canvas support lawfully.

For any inquiries, please call our office line on **0768-924513**.

We look forward to your usual cooperation and extend to you best wishes for success.

Yours faithfully,


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