



## REGULATION OF FREE-SPEECH GROUPS AT CITY-SPONSORED EVENTS

### **POLICY**

Free-Speech groups, including but not limited to, religious, political, social, and charitable organizations, may have tables set up at designated areas at City-sponsored events on public property. The Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for the regulation of the free-speech groups.

### **PROCEDURE**

1. A group planning to be present at a City-sponsored event will submit a City-provided no-fee application for space obtained from the Parks and Recreation Department. The application will be used as the basis for a drawing for designated locations. The drawing will be conducted five work days before the event. The drawing will permit the holder of the lowest number (1) to have first choice of designated location for the duration of the event. The second closest number (2) will have second choice of designated location, etc. For groups that did not submit an application in a timely manner and therefore did not participate in the initial drawing, a second drawing for the remaining available spaces will be conducted on the morning of the first day of the event. Subsequent applicants will be placed on a space available basis in the order the applications are received.
2. There is no restriction on oral proselytizing. The members of the free-speech groups can engage attendees of the event in oral discussions.
3. Amplified sound is prohibited.
4. Any sales, exhibition, distribution, signature solicitation, and/or fund solicitation activities must be conducted from a fixed location assigned by the Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department.
5. If there are sales activities, the free-speech groups must comply with applicable laws.

### **Reference:**

**City Resolution No. 6206**