PROHIBITED ACTS

An officer or employee of the District who is acting or purporting to act in an official capacity may not, because of a person's race, religion, color, sex, or national origin:

1. Refuse to permit the person to use facilities open to the public and owned, operated, or managed by or on behalf of the District;
2. Refuse to permit the person to participate in a program owned, operated, or managed by or on behalf of the District;
3. Refuse to grant a benefit to the person; or
4. Impose an unreasonable burden on the person.

Civil Practices and Remedies Code 106.001(a)

RIGHT TO PRESERVE USE

The District, like a private property owner, may legally preserve the property under its control for the use to which it is dedicated. *Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free Sch. Dist., 508 U.S. 384 (1993)*

FORUM FOR COMMUNICATION

The District may create a public forum of a place or channel of communication for use by the public at large for assembly and speech, for use by certain speakers, or for the discussion of certain subjects. *Perry Educ. Ass'n v. Perry Local Educators' Ass'n, 460 U.S. 37 (1983); Chiu v. Plano Indep. Sch. Dist., 260 F.3d 330 (5th Cir. 2001)*

The District is not required to allow persons to engage in every type of speech when the District establishes a limited public forum; the District may be justified in reserving its forum for certain groups or for the discussion of certain topics. The District shall not discriminate against speech on the basis of viewpoint, and any restriction must be reasonable in light of the purpose served by the forum. *Good News Club v. Milford Cent. Sch, 533 U.S. 98 (2001); Lamb's Chapel v. Center Moriches Union Free Sch. Dist., 508 U.S. 384 (1993)*

FEES FOR USE

The Board may set and collect rentals, rates, and charges from students and others for the occupancy or use of any of the District's facilities, in the amounts and manner determined by the Board. *Education Code 45.033*

PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES

If the District has a designated open forum or a limited public forum and receives funds made available through the United States Department of Education, the District shall not deny equal access or a fair opportunity to meet, or to discriminate against, any group officially affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America, or any other youth group listed in Title 36 of the United States Code (as a patriotic so-

ciety), that wishes to conduct a meeting within that designated open forum or limited public forum, including denying such access or opportunity or discriminating for reasons based on the membership or leadership criteria or oath of allegiance to God and country of the Boy Scouts of America or of the youth group listed as a patriotic society.

The United States secretary of education may issue and secure compliance with rules or orders with respect to a district that receives federal funds and that denies equal access, or a fair opportunity to meet, or discriminates, as described above. If a district does not comply with the rules or orders, no funds made available through the Department of Education shall be provided to that district.

YOUTH GROUP

"Youth group" means any group or organization intended to serve young people under the age of 21.

LIMITED PUBLIC FORUM

For purposes of this policy regarding PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES, an elementary school or secondary school has a limited public forum whenever the school grants an offering to, or opportunity for, one or more outside youth or community groups to meet on school premises or in school facilities before or after the hours during which attendance at the school is compulsory.

SPONSORSHIP

Nothing in this policy shall be construed to require the District to sponsor any group officially affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America, or any youth group listed as a patriotic society.

Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. 7905

FACILITIES AS POLLING PLACES

The District shall make its buildings available for use as polling places in any election that covers territory in which the buildings are located. If more than one authority requests the use of the buildings for the same day and simultaneous use is impractical, the District shall determine which authority may use the building. *Election Code 43.031(c)*

No charge, including a charge for personnel, utilities, or other expenses incurred before or after regular business hours, shall be made for the use of a District building for a polling place if the day of the election is a day on which the building is normally open. If the day of an election is a day on which the building is not normally open, a charge may be made only for the reimbursement of actual expenses resulting from use of the building in the election. *Election Code 43.033(a)*

POLITICAL PARTY CONVENTIONS

The District shall not assess a charge for the use of a school building for a precinct, county, or senatorial district convention, except for reimbursement for the actual charges resulting from use of the

building for the convention. The District shall provide an itemized statement of expenses to the reimbursing authority. *Election Code 174.0631*