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Irvine's Freedom of Speech Ordinance

Protecting citizens' right to free speech is a major City priority. Specifically, Irvine's ordinance provides for the following:

- ★ *No person shall interfere with individuals exercising their free speech rights within areas open to the general public in shopping centers, apartment complexes, and other private or public property open to the general public.*
- ★ *"Free speech rights" means the right to freedom of speech, the right to solicit and collect signatures on petitions and the right to distribute literature or display temporary signs or placards of a political nature—provided such activities do not obstruct entrances, exits, or passageways or threaten public safety.*

To report violations of the City's Freedom of Speech Ordinance, call the Irvine Police Department at (949) 724-7000.

For more information about this ordinance or about the election process in Irvine, please call the Irvine City Clerk's Office (949) 724-6205.