



Solicitation and Distribution Policy

This policy addresses Solicitations and Distributions at Meadowvale Islamic Centre (MIC) events. MIC recognizes that soliciting support for and/or distributing literature on behalf of various organizations, especially those with charitable purpose, political campaigns, or business services, helps to raise awareness in the community. However, it is important to set limits on such activities in order to minimize disruption to MIC events, and respect the rights of worshippers who do not welcome such solicitations/ distributions. The purpose of this policy is to set forth guidelines for solicitations and distributions at all MIC events, irrespective of location.

Definitions:

“Solicitation” refers to any attempt to generate support for a cause, product, organization or political issue. Examples of solicitations include requests for:

- funds or contributions of any kind;
- purchase of goods, products or services;
- signing of a petition;
- joining or becoming a member of a political party or group;
- support for political causes or candidates;

“Distribution” refers to the manner in which a solicitation may be disseminated. A distribution includes doing any of the following in support of a solicitation:

- handing out written or printed materials to review;
- posting or hanging material;
- e-mail or other electronic medium to disseminate information.

All requests for solicitation and distribution must be submitted at least 2 weeks in advance to info@mici.org, providing sufficient notice to the MIC Management to make a decision. MIC Board will review the request in the next board meeting, and will respond to the requestor by email. There will be a fee of \$50 to commercial solicitors and they will be allowed to distribute flyers 3 times for this fee within twelve months/one year from this request. Commercial solicitors will be allowed only one request per year.

The MIC Board will consider the following factors (and place conditions) during the decision making process:

- The MIC event schedule and associated time constraints for the requested day/week.
- The frequency of solicitation/distribution by the same person or organization and the distribution period.
- Relevance to MIC’s mission and values or any perceived contradiction thereof.
- Adherence of the person or organization to the MIC guidelines from previous requests.
- All remaining flyers has to be removed from the location after distribution and no flyers are to be placed on the cars in the parking lot as it creates litter and is not appreciated by the property owner and the organization.
- Commercial Solicitation should not overlap with the Volunteering on the day.
- Any exceptions will be discussed and considered for approval at the board’s discretion.

MIC Disclaimer:

Even though MIC may allow individuals, and/or organization to solicit/distribute information at MIC events, MIC does not endorse any service, product, individual, or political organization.