

UUCC Board of Trustees Advocacy Request Process

March 2022

1. Board members must receive any advocacy request via email. This may pertain to an issue, an event, legislation, etc. To fulfill the legal requirements to maintain UUCC's tax exempt status as a 501 (c) (3) organization as defined by the Internal Revenue Code, the Board is unable to endorse or advocate for or against political candidates. Requests should include specific information for the Board's consideration (e.g., date of event, link to website, deadline to respond, etc.), in addition to the specific ask (e.g., co-sponsoring an event, submitting testimony, speaking at a function, etc.) and be submitted with sufficient time to allow for Board discussion and a vote, ideally at least one week before the deadline.
2. The Board may discuss electronically (e.g., email or text) or during a Board meeting. The following should be considered: the Executive Team's feedback; how supporting or opposing the issue meets our congregational Ends and helps us live our UU values; and whether the request warrants congregational approval.
3. Board members will vote on the request on behalf of UUCC.
4. If the Board votes "yes," Board members will follow through on the request and notify the congregation of the action taken.