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FYI.

From: Herfurth, Sharon
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2018 12:27 PM
To: Library <Library@austintexas.gov>
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Dear Staff,

Several of you have been contacted by an organization called IndyAUSTIN about being present on Saturday at your locations to collect signatures on a petition to force an election on CodeNEXT. <https://indyaustin.org/event/library-day-rain-date-march-3/>

I have shared the following information with the organizers and am sharing it with you in case you get questions.

IndyAUSTIN is welcome to be stationed beyond Library property boundaries, just not inside the Library or in the Library parking lot.

Here is some pertinent information from the Library Use Rules as stated on the Austin Public Library website: <http://library.austintexas.gov/about-library/rules>

3. Not a Public Forum. Except for the limited purpose of accessing information, the library is not a public forum.

(7) A meeting room may not be used for a political rally or a campaign for or against a specific ballot issue or candidate. However, a meeting room may be used for a forum or study group on a political issue.

(3) "library" means any building or facility of the Austin Public Library, including the entrance ways and adjacent lawns, landscaping, and parking areas.

(A) A customer may not:

(1) unreasonably disrupt the normal use of library services or property by the library staff or other customers

(5) distribute literature or otherwise solicit customers on library property.

I hope this helps clarify.
Best,
Sharon

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