



ADVISORY ON THE CONDUCT OF POLITICAL MEETINGS OR PROMOTION OF POLITICAL CANDIDATES BY NON-SINGAPORE CITIZENS

The Philippine Embassy advises our Kababayans that **Singapore laws prohibit foreigners from all forms of election campaigning**, including, and not limited to, conducting a gathering or meeting, distributing printed or electronic messages, displaying posters or banners, wearing attire promoting political candidates.

The **Singapore Police Force** issued a statement on 3 April 2018 that prohibits the conduct of politics-related activities by non-Singapore citizens in Singapore:

Foreigners visiting, working or living in Singapore should not use Singapore as a platform to further their political causes.

*Foreigners must abide by Singapore laws. Public assemblies in Singapore are regulated under the Public Order Act, and organising or participating in a public assembly without a Police permit is illegal. The Police will not grant any permit for assemblies organised by or involving non-Singaporeans for the purpose of political or election campaigning. The Police will take action against any person who organises or participates in an unlawful public assembly. **Those who break the law will be dealt with firmly, and this may include termination of visas or work passes, where applicable.***

The Embassy also brings to the attention of our Kababayans specific laws of Singapore which regulate election advertising activities, which include:

- The **Election Advertising Act prohibits the display of posters and banners without permit.**
- The **Films Act prohibits** importing, making or reproducing, distributing, or exhibiting any **party political film. Penalty:** fine of up to \$100,000 or imprisonment of up to 2 years.
- The **Public Order Act** requires the **organizer** of a meeting, assembly, meeting or procession to **secure a permit from the SPF. Penalties for Organizers** of a meeting or assembly without a permit: **fine of up to \$10,000, or imprisonment for up to 6 months, or both. Penalty for Persons** who take part in such meeting or assembly: **fine of up to \$5,000.**