

# How to “table” for Senator Barack Obama or any other deserving candidate

## Pick a Location...things to look for

- ✓ visibility
- ✓ foot traffic
- ✓ near public rest rooms and food / coffee
- ✓ park, community event, parade, local business, or farmers market
- ✓ shade
- ✓ good parking
- ✓ most schools allow political activity / students should contact the local Democratic office for help / there is a good deal of info on line and local Obama groups are a good source for help

## Detailed Information

- You will need permission from the city for any event taking place in the “public domain” i.e. city parks, sidewalks, community events.
- If they refuse you, try again, and again...convince them you will be professional and unobtrusive / they have personal discretion.
- Many events and parades allow free or low cost to political groups.
- If an event includes a parade, throwing candy and passing out Obama material (mentioned below) is very well received.
- Private businesses may be willing to let you locate inside their store (the sidewalk outside the store is out of bounds as it is public domain).

## Materials / Supplies for Your Table

- a) The first choice is to buy Official Obama items
- b) Download Obama's “speeches” and “views on the issues” on line at <[www.barackobama.com](http://www.barackobama.com)> and <[fightthesmears.com](http://fightthesmears.com)> is a great new source for determining the “facts” from the “lies”
- c) Important phone numbers and addresses with multiple duplications printed on a single page can be cut up free at Kinko's...i.e. The switchboard at Congress, 202-224-3121, the number of the DNC, 202-863-8000, Obama's national headquarters, 866-675-2008. Look up local Obama offices, state and local Democratic offices and current Democratic people running for office. You can do this as well with “Ways to donate to Senator Obama's campaign” / right there at your table / they can fax credit card info to 312-819-2088 / they can go on line at <[www.barackobama.com](http://www.barackobama.com)>, and they can go to your local Obama/or Democratic office. Look up these locations and do the same as with the numbers. All of these are useful information to give to the less engaged. The info above is great to pass out at your table, parades, and anywhere people see you wearing your Obama buttons or t-shirt. People will come up and ask you questions. They always do. So, have something informative to hand them. Wear “Obama Wear” anytime you can. (buttons (many) & shirts)
- d) Reliable news sources / fair and balanced newspapers and magazines and your state Obama e-mail groups are good places to get articles for your table. Laminate them. They look nicer and last longer. (\$1 a page at Staples)
- e) Laminate 3 to 5 Obama signs to tape to the edge of your table. Obama rally signs work great. Home made would be good, too.
- f) A “Register to vote here” sign is a **must!**
- g) Hispanic registration forms are also available at the Democratic / and Obama headquarters. The Post office has them as well. Read the voter registration carefully for the rules in your state.

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**MONEY! This is very important! Money taken in for material you sell or “give away for a donation” must be kept separate from money donated to the Obama campaign.**

- ✓ Use a vase or jar with a “Donations Accepted...to replenish materials” / on a laminated sign
- ✓ When the jar gets half full of money, take the bills and put them in a safe place.
- ✓ Track what you are selling for future orders

## **Donations to The Senator Barack Obama Campaign**

- ✓ Download the “Financial Guidelines” and the “Contribution forms” from the Obama web site <[www.barackobama.com](http://www.barackobama.com)> and make several copies of the Contribution form.
- ✓ Read **both** of these forms very carefully...have a copy of the guidelines with you for reference.
- ✓ At your table you may accept donations. **Anyone giving cash (\$100 limit) or those donating with checks or credit cards, MUST fill out a contribution form...no exceptions!**
- ✓ People can contribute by fax by calling 312-819-2088, on line at [www.barackobama.com](http://www.barackobama.com), or at your local Obama /or Democratic headquarters.
- ✓ Donations must be mailed or turned in to an Obama / Democratic headquarters immediately...the day you receive them.

## **This and That**

- ✓ Make the “table” be yours...let it reflect your previous efforts and future events / pictures are fun.
- ✓ If you encounter the rare not-for-Obama person, be polite. Listen briefly to what they have to say. If you respond at all and encounter abuse, leave immediately. If they are reasonable, respond in kind. A good parting/no more to say comment is, “You know what I love about this country? You get to have your opinion, and I get to have mine”. Smile, and walk away.
- ✓ If you are interested in doing this you are more informed than the average person...always be ready to turn someone on to Obama!!!

**FIRED UP AND READY TO GO!!!**

**YES WE CAN!!**

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**YES WE WILL!!!**