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Santa Rosa Election Staff

Re: Campaign Signs on Utility Poles

As election days approach, more and more campaign signs are popping up in communities. While showing support for a favorite candidate isn't illegal, it is against the law to post flags or signs on wooden utility poles.

The poles are placed next to roadways, making them an ideal location to catch the eyes of passing vehicles. Please know that this is an innocent mistake made by many of our members. Not only does it pose a threat to our line workers, but it's also dangerous to the public because it could put them in accidental risk of being around energized electrical equipment.

Staples and nails used to attach signs to utility poles may snag or pierce line worker's personal protective equipment; especially their rubber gloves that are used to insulate them from high-voltage equipment.

On behalf of EREC and for public safety, please advise citizens to refrain from posting any type of signage whether it be political reasons or a lost pet.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ryan C. Campbell', written in a cursive style.

Ryan C. Campbell, PE  
Chief Executive Officer  
Escambia River Electric Cooperative, Inc.