

Statement on YWCA Metropolitan Chicago's 501(c)(3) Status and Political Campaigns March 31, 2023

YWCA Metropolitan Chicago (YWCA) is a 501(c)(3) organization. By law, YWCA cannot directly or indirectly participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for elective public office.

On March 29, 2023, YWCA was notified that a candidate for elective office in Chicago has displayed YWCA's logo on campaign materials. These materials were printed and disseminated without YWCA's knowledge. We have issued a cease-and-desist letter to the campaign to stop them from using YWCA's image/likeness in campaign materials.