

CITY COUNCIL ETHICS UPDATE

STATE AND CITY GIFT REGULATIONS

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- **Overview of State Regulations**
- **Overview of City Regulations**
- **New FPPC Regulations**
- **New City Ticket Distribution Policy**

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STATE REGULATIONS

- **Disclose: Gifts over \$50**
- **Prohibited: Gifts over \$420**
- **Disqualified: Gifts over \$420**

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CITY REGULATIONS

- **Prohibited: Gifts \$50 and over**
- **Exceptions:**
 - Admission to certain events from sponsor
 - Reciprocal Gifts
 - Hospitality
 - Authorized Travel
- **Family Gift Reporting**

NEW FPPC GIFT RULES

- **Valuation of Admission to Events**
 - **Non-Profit Fundraiser**
 - **Political Fundraiser**
- **Gifts to City**
- **New Annual Gift Limit - \$420**
- **Admission to Events from City**

NEW FPPC GIFT RULES

VALUATION OF ADMISSION TO EVENTS

- **Fundraiser: Single ticket for personal use \$0 value as long as < \$420**
- **Political Fundraiser: Single ticket for personal use >\$0 No limit**

Note: This was changed to limit single ticket for personal use. Previously all such tickets were valued at \$0

NEW FPPC GIFT RULES

GIFTS TO CITY

- Clarifies when a gift is considered “to the City”:
 - Donor has no control as to use
 - Gift is for Official City Business
- Requires Gift to be accepted by City Manager/Agency Executive Director
- Requires Gift to be reported on City/Agency website

NEW FPCC GIFT RULES

GIFTS TO CITY (cont.)

- Usually applies to travel/admission to events
- If not a gift to City, then gift to individual who benefits

NEW FPPC GIFT RULES

ADMISSION TO EVENTS FROM CITY

- Tickets “owned” by City (i.e., Arena; Cirque du Soleil)
- Not considered gifts as long as:
 - distributed per policy adopted by Council
 - public purpose
 - single ticket
 - report within 30 days
- Alternatively, report on Form 700

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Revised Ticket Distribution Policy 9-11

- To conform to FPPC Regulations
- Broadens application to non-Arena events
- Limits to a single ticket for personal use (extra tickets treated as gifts)
- Requires “responsible party” to submit Form 802 within 30 days
- Relieves Arena Authority from quarterly reporting
- Allows City to maximize revenue potential from sale of tickets