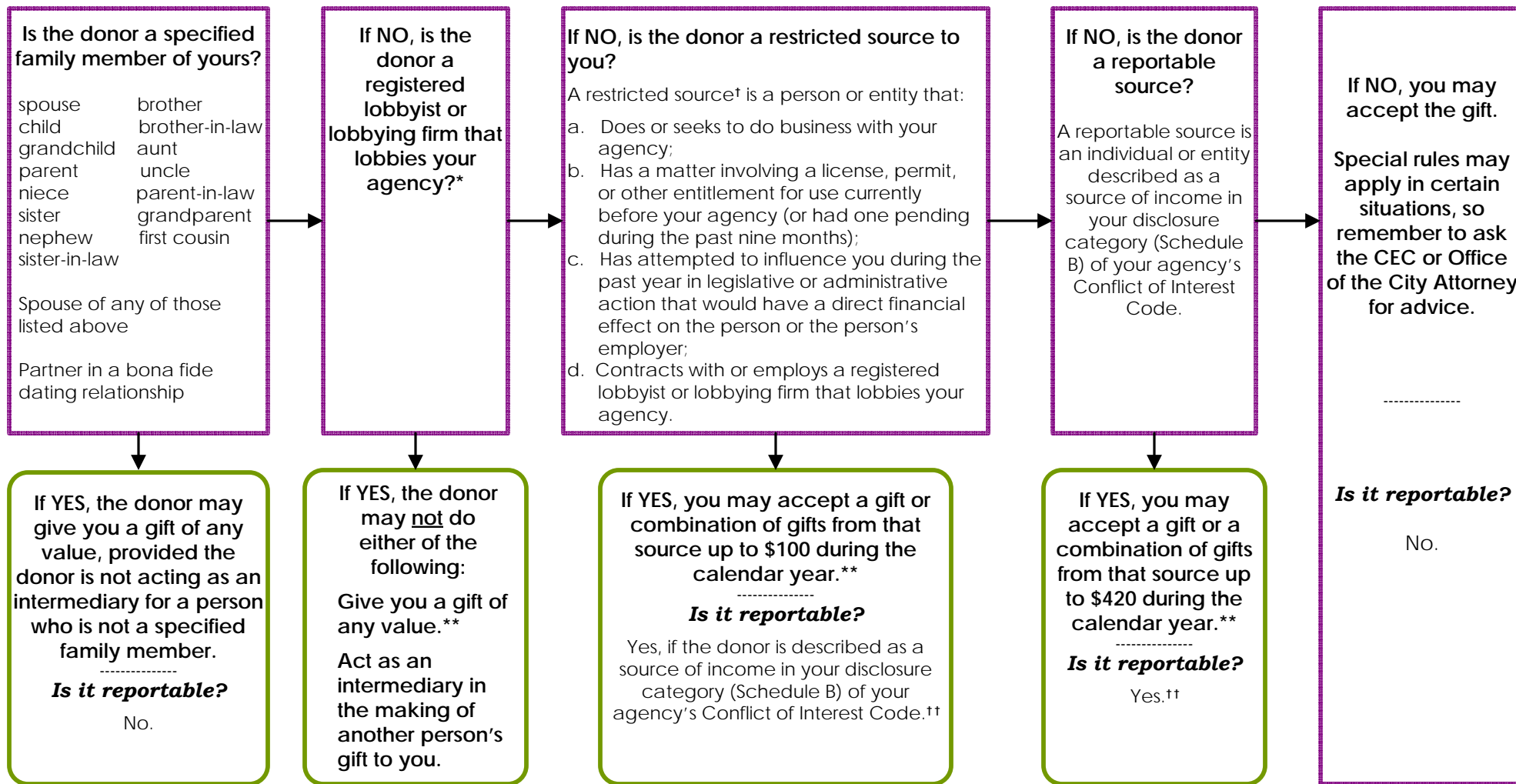


City Ethics Commission

Gift Acceptance Guide for City Officials

This guide is a general overview of City and state laws that govern whether or not City officials may accept gifts from certain sources. There may be other restrictions or exceptions that apply to your situation such as, gifts related to travel or 501(c)(3) fundraisers. Please contact the City Ethics Commission (CEC) at (213) 978-1960 or the Office of the City Attorney at (213) 978-7100 for additional guidance and advice.



* "High-level officials" are restricted from accepting gifts from a lobbyist or lobbying firm that lobbies any City agency. Please contact the CEC for more information.

** A gift from an individual for a non-recurring ceremonial occasion (e.g., a wedding) that is \$100 or less does not count toward the above prohibition on gifts from registered lobbyists and lobbying firms, nor toward the \$100 limit on gifts from restricted sources. A birthday is not a non-recurring ceremonial occasion. Unless a state exception applies, these gifts, if from a source listed in your disclosure category, must be reported on your Statement of Economic Interests and count toward the state's \$420 calendar-year limit.

† This definition is broader when the recipient is a "High-level official." Please contact the CEC for more information.

†† A gift, or combination of gifts, is reportable on your Statement of Economic Interests if the total value of all the gifts you receive from a single source during the calendar year is at least \$50.