**Gift Guide for City Officials**

This is a general overview of City and state laws that govern whether City officials may accept gifts from certain sources. Other restrictions or exceptions may apply, such as for travel or fundraisers. For additional guidance, please call the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or visit ethics.lacity.org.

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### CAN I ACCEPT THIS GIFT?

**Start here.**

1. **Is the gift giver a registered lobbyist or lobbying firm that lobbies your agency?**
   - Yes
     - **You may NOT accept a gift of any value from a lobbyist or lobbying firm.**
   - No
     - **Is the gift giver a restricted source?**
       - Yes
         - **Is the gift giver a disclosable source (a person described in your agency’s conflict of interests code as a source of income for your disclosure category)?**
           - Yes
             - **You may accept a gift or combination of gifts that are cumulatively valued at up to $470 per calendar year from that gift giver.**
             - **Do you have to report the gifts?**
               - Yes
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1. For elected officials, this applies to a lobbyist or lobbying firm that lobbies any City agency.
2. For elected officials, this definition applies to any City agency.
3. Gifts must be reported on your statement of economic interests if the total value of all the gifts you receive from a single disclosable source during the calendar year is at least $50. Exceptions may apply; please ask for advice.