

Does your development project have to be **registered** with the Ethics Commission?

If so, your application is **incomplete** without registration.

You are **required to register** with the Ethics Commission to complete your Planning Department application if **any of the following** are true:

- Your case number includes *any* of the following letter codes: **DB, DA, GPA, HD, O, SN, SPR, SP, TT, TDR, TOC, VTT, VZC, ZC.**
- Your case number includes the codes (**CPC and ZV**) or (**APC and ZV**).
- Your case is reviewed by the **Major Projects Division**.

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After you register, you will receive a *completion receipt*.
Your project cannot move forward without that.

Once an application is filed, the applicant, the property owner, and their principals are prohibited from making political contributions to the Mayor, the City Attorney, the City Controller, a City Councilmember, or a candidate for any of those offices. A violation (or aiding and abetting a violation) may result in administrative enforcement penalties.

Questions?
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Frequently Asked Questions

When does the registration requirement take effect?

The requirement takes effect June 8, 2022.

If I am required to register my project with the Ethics Commission, am I prohibited from making political contributions?

Yes. The applicant, property owner, and their principals are prohibited from making campaign contributions to the Mayor, the City Attorney, a City Council member, a candidate for any of those offices, or a City committee controlled by any of those individuals.

Who in my organization is prohibited from making contributions?

The applicant and the property owners identified in the Planning Department application are prohibited from making contributions, and so are their principals.

A principal includes the following for an applicant or property owner:

- Board chair
- President
- Chief executive officer
- Chief financial officer
- Chief operating officer
- Individual who serves in the functional equivalent of one of those positions
- Person who owns 20 percent or more
- Individual authorized to represent before the Planning Department

How long am I prohibited from making political contributions?

The prohibition begins on the day the application is submitted to the Planning Department, and it ends 12 months after the day a letter of determination is issued or, if no letter is issued, the day the decision on the application is final.

If there is a change in my organization's leadership, am I required to amend my ethics registration?

Yes, you must amend your registration within 10 business days after a change occurs.

Does the prohibition apply only to contributions made to committees created after June 7?

It applies to all City committees controlled by the Mayor, the City Attorney, a City Council member, or a candidate for any of those offices, regardless of when they were created.

Does the prohibition apply to contributions made to LAUSD candidates or committees?

No.

If I am involved with a project that is required to be registered with the Ethics Commission, but I am not required to be listed on that registration, can I make a contribution?

Yes, you may make contributions subject to the applicable contribution limits.

If I am the owner of a development project that is not required to be registered with the Ethics Commission, can I make a contribution?

Yes, you may make contributions subject to the applicable contribution limits.

I am required to register my project, but I made a contribution before June 8. Is that ok?

Yes. Contributions made prior to June 8, 2022, are not subject to the requirement.

I submitted a planning application before June 8. Do I have to register?

Registration is required for any pending project that meets the requirements, even if the application was submitted before June 8.

How can I find out which developers are prohibited from making political contributions?

Registrations, applicants, owners, and principals can be viewed and searched on the Ethics Commission's website at ethics.lacity.org/data/campaigns/restricted-developers.

Please contact the Ethics Commission for assistance regarding your specific situation.