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 guidance, please contact the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or ethics.lacity.gov.

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 (SEI) if the total value of all the gifts you receive from a single disclosable source during the calendar year is at least $50. SEI refers to CA Form 700 for all City officials, and CA Form 700 plus City Form 60 for high-level City officials. Exceptions may apply; please contact the Ethics Commission for advice.