

September 13, 2010

Chairman Dan Schnur  
Fair Political Practices Commission  
429 J Street, Suite 800  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Agenda Item 18 - Amendment of Regulations 18942/18944.1  
Gift Exception for Ceremonial Role or Function**

Dear Chairman Schnur:

On behalf of the League of California Cities City Attorneys' FPPC Committee, I submit this letter for comment on the above-referenced agenda item. The Committee has reviewed staff's proposal and agrees the proposed amendment would help the regulated community to apply the gift rules by relocating the "ceremonial role" exception into the regulations delineating the gift exceptions. In addition, the Committee can support the interests advanced by requiring the public disclosure of information pertaining to the benefits received in connection with an official's performance of a ceremonial role.

I hope you find these comments helpful in your deliberations on the proposed amendments.

Sincerely,

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cc: Scott Hallabrin, General Counsel  
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