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## News Clerks Should Know:

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The Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) regulations have changed! Specifically with respect to the “Gift” and “Ticket” related regulations, there are new reporting requirements.

### Regulation 18944.2 – Form 801 (July 2008)

Certain gifts may be reported as a gift to the agency, rather than reportable as a gift to an individual public official. Regulation 18944.2 sets forth the circumstances which are:

- 1) The gift must provide a personal benefit to a public official,
- 2) The gift may be used only for official agency business,
- 3) The agency controls use of the gift,
- 4) The agency reports the gift on its website using Form 801.

### Regulation 18944.1 – Form 802 (New)

If your agency has the opportunity to distribute tickets or passes that allow admission to facilities, events, or shows, then see Regulation 18944.1 which sets forth these new requirements:

- 1) The agency must complete and post a Form 802 on its website.
- 2) The agency must adopt a written policy regarding the distribution of such tickets and post this information on the website.

Tickets to non-profit events are now reportable as gifts and/or income with a few exceptions. Officials may no longer take two tickets to a non-profit event without disclosure requirements. Under some scenarios, an official may take a single ticket to a non-profit event, report the difference of the face value and donation value of the ticket as listed, and most likely fully pay for the second ticket.

It is time to read all the new FPPC regulations that will most definitely be applicable to your cities and share them with your City Attorneys and electeds! The regulations, specifically Regulations 18944.1 and 18944.3 can be found at [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov) then click on FPPC regulations.