#### **Special Meeting**

#### **AGENDA**

#### **Tulare County Regional Transit Agency**

March 28, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

#### Tulare County Regional Transit Agency 210 N. Church Street Visalia, CA 93291

NOTE: This meeting will allow Board Members and the public to participate in the meeting via Teleconference, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, available at: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill id=202120220AB361

Zoom Meeting | Direct Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/2Zt4BQY">https://bit.ly/2Zt4BQY</a>

Toll Free Call in: (888) 475-4499 | Meeting ID: 744 710 0343 | Passcode: 82243742

Call in only instructions: Enter your meeting ID followed by #, Enter # for participant ID, Enter the

passcode followed by #.

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- I. CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, AND ROLL CALL
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

At this time, members of the public may comment on any item of interest to the public and within the subject matter jurisdiction of TCRTA but not appearing on this agenda. Under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to make comments at the time the item comes up for Board consideration. Any person addressing the Board will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes so that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak with a total of fifteen (15) minutes allotted for the Public Comment Period. Speakers are requested to state their name(s) and address(es) for the record.

#### IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Technical Advisory Committee

(No Page)

#### V. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

Request Approval of the Consent Calendar Action Items V-A through V-D.

- A. Action: Approve Minutes of February 28, 2022 (Pages 01-03)
- B. Action: Approve Minutes of March 21, 2022 (Pages 05-06)
- C. Action: Reaffirm Resolution No. 2021-11 to Approve Remote Attendance at Public Meetings Pursuant to State Assembly Bill 361 (Pages 07)
- D. Action: Reaffirm Approval to Purchase Regional Fare Collection System (Pages 09-11)
- E. Information: Conflict of Interest Code (Form 700) Due April 1, 2022 (Pages 13-66)

#### VI. ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

- A. Action: 2022 CALACT Spring Conference and Expo (Pages 67)
- B. Action: Authorize Outreach For 2022 Fare and Service Changes (Pages 69-77)
- C. Action: Authorization to Purchase Zero Emission Transit Buses (Pages 79-86)
- D. Action: Approve the Creation of a Board Executive Committee and Reorganization of the Technical Advisory Committee (Pages 87-88)
- E. Action: 2022 Meeting Schedule, Location, and Compensation (Pages 89-91)

#### VII. OTHER BUSINESS:

- a. Information: Directors Report
- b. Information: Items from Staff
- c. Information: Items from Board Members
- d. Request from Board Members for Future Agenda Items

#### VIII. ADJOURN:

The next scheduled Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA) Board meeting date will be **April 18, 2022**, **and will take place at 3:00 p.m**. at the Tulare Ag Auditorium, 4437 S. Laspina, Tulare, CA 93274. The Technical Advisory Committee meeting date will be **April 4, 2022 and will take place at 3:00 p.m**. at the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG), 210 N. Church Street, Suite B, Sequoia Conference Room, Visalia, CA 93291.

#### **TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AGENCY**

| BOARD OF DIRECTORS      | ALTERNATE           | AGENCY               |
|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Kuldip Thusu            | Armando Longoria    | City of Dinuba       |
| Steve Garver            | Dave Hails          | City of Exeter       |
| Greg Gomez – Vice Chair | Tina Hernandez      | City of Farmersville |
| Ramona Caudillo         | Hipolito Cerros     | City of Lindsay      |
| Monte Reyes             | Milt Stowe          | City of Porterville  |
| Jose Sigala – Chair     | Terry Sayre         | City of Tulare       |
| Rudy Mendoza            | Florencio Guerra Jr | City of Woodlake     |
| Eddie Valero            | Amy Shuklian        | County of Tulare     |
|                         |                     |                      |

#### **EX OFFICIO MEMBERS**

Georgina Landecho, CalVans

#### TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AGENCY – TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

| Greg Gomez   | City of Farmersville |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Monte Reyes  | City of Porterville  |
| Jose Sigala  | City of Tulare       |
| Kuldip Thusu | City of Dinuba       |
| Eddie Valero | County of Tulare     |

#### TCRTA STAFF

#### OFFICE INFORMATION

Rich Tree, Executive Director

\*The TCTRA is temporarily receiving support from the Tulare County Association of Governments.

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#### Tulare County Regional Transit Agency Minutes

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February 28, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Thusu, Garver, Gomez, Sigala, Valero, Landecho

Members Absent: Caudillo, Reyes, Mendoza

**Alternates Present:** 

Staff Present: Rich Tree, Jennie Miller, Amie Kane, Holly Gallo, Servando

Quintanilla, Brideget Moore, and Elizabeth Forte

Counsel Present: Jeff Kuhn

#### I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Sigala called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

#### III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

#### IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Mr. Tree reported that on February 7<sup>th</sup> the TAC meeting was held and shared that CalITP had given an informational presentation on the two phases of real time google transits feed.

Mr. Tree stated that later in the meeting more detailed discussion would be had regarding Genfare fare box validation and unifying the regional transit services. The request for proposals for the branding and communications services would be extended and sent back out for additional applications.

Lastly, Mr. Tree explained that the transit contractors were going out to bid and further information would be presented as it becomes available.

#### V. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

#### Request Approval of the Consent Calendar Action Items V-A through V-D

- A. Action: Approve Minutes of January 24, 2022
- B. Action: Reaffirm Resolution No. 2021-11 to Approve Remote Attendance at Public Meetings Pursuant to State Assembly Bill 361
- C. Action: Approve FY 2022 FTA Certifications and Assurances
- D. Action: Approve FY 2022 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Project Upon motion by Member Thusu and seconded by Member Valero the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency unanimously approved the Consent Calendar Action Items V-A through V-D.

#### VI. ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

A. Action: Reschedule a Public Hearing for 2022 Fare and Service Changes Mr. Tree provided a brief background regarding the hearing schedule. He requested additional time to work with the agencies before having a hearing in April and May with service change in place by July 2022. Mr. Tree outlined the recommendation to hold the hearings on April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>; May 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>. To authorize staff to notice the public hearings on all TCRTA buses, transit centers, the TCRTA website, and various media outlets. Designate authority to staff to conduct the public hearings with Board Members participation as much as possible. Director Thusu requested staff to

develop an outreach plan to encourage public participation. Director Thusu commented on a "Ride with a Director" day and participation in upcoming community events such as Dinuba's Cinco De Mayo event.

Upon motion by Member Gomez and seconded by Member Thusu the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency unanimously approve the recommendations as presented.

B. Action: Approve Regional Fare Collection Project with Genfare Mr. Tree explained that Visalia and Porterville Transit have utilized Genfare exclusively for electronic validation of fareboxes and that Genfare are used by over 90% of transit agencies in the United States. Currently all other transit providers in Tulare County utilize non-electronic farebox systems however this creates many challenges with distributing and accepting transfers between systems. Mr. Tree outlined the cost to implement a regional fare collection system and discussed funding options. Recommendations presented by Mr. Tree were to authorize the contract with Genfare for the purchase of all Genfare equipment, software, warranty, and maintenance not to exceed \$2,069,691.21; and authorize staff to prepare the purchase order and execute actions necessary for the purpose of procuring and deploying the regional fare collection system.

Upon motion by Member Gomez and seconded by Member Garver the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency unanimously approve the recommendations as presented.

C. Action: Approve Travel and Attendance to 2022 CALACT Spring Conference and Expo Mr. Tree shared details about CalACT conference event in April regarding the latest transit trends which are informative and helpful. The cost is expected to be \$3,500 which has been budgeted. Mr. Tree recommended that Ms. Miller, Transportation Planner; and himself be approved to attend. He noted that it is budgeted for a Board member to also attend and should be selected. Discussion ensued regarding possible member to attend after which it was decided that more time would be needed to select someone or allow for additional staff to attend.

Upon Motion by Member Garver and seconded by Member Valero the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency unanimously requested that this action be carried over to the March 21, 2022 meeting.

#### VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Information: Directors Report
  - Mr. Tree stated that staff is working to submit a grant in collaboration with city of Tulare and CalStart for increased frequency on specific routes. He discussed letters of support from local agencies. The grant is due March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Discussion ensued regarding resiliency planning and infrastructure support.
  - Mr. Tree discussed speaking at the 99 summit, transitions summit, and March 17<sup>th</sup> proposals are due for 3<sup>rd</sup> party contractors. Looking for a partner in advancing our vision and projects, communities, and access. Recommendation is expected in April.
- B. Information: Items from Staff.
  - Discussion was had regarding the March meeting location and that typically TCRTA meets at the same location of the TCAG Board meeting that is held earlier on the same date. Since TCAG would be holding the March meeting at the Lamp Liter Inn it was announced that TCRTA would also hold the March meeting at that same location.
- C. Information: Items from Board Members.

D. Request from Board Members for Future Agenda Items.
 Chair Sigala requested that items C and D be discussed together and invited Members to share any information or requests for future agenda items.
 No official comments were made at this time.

#### VIII. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. Chair Sigala confirmed the next scheduled meeting of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA) Board of Directors will be held on Monday, March 21, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. at the Lamp Liter Inn, 3300 W. Mineral King Ave., Visalia, CA 93291.

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#### Tulare County Regional Transit Agency Minutes

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March 21, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Thusu, Sigala, Valero,

Members Absent: Caudillo, Reyes, Mendoza, Garver

Alternates Present: Stowe

Staff Present: Rich Tree, Amie Kane, Holly Gallo, Servando Quintanilla Jr.,

**Brideget Moore & Jennifer Miller** 

Others Present: Jenna Salazar, Carmen Quevedo, Teresa Ortega

Counsel Present: Jeff Kuhn

#### I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Sigala called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

#### III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chair Sigala called for public comments at 3:12pm. No Comments were heard.

#### IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Mr. Tree discussed the contactless fare payment project and gearing up for deployment on July 1<sup>st</sup>. He further discussed bids for March 17<sup>th</sup> and plan for interviews in May. He highlighted fare and service changes with Rethought Reborn Media, website, surveys, comments, and enhancement of social media campaigns.

Additionally, Mr. Tree recounted the discussion regarding the Ride With a Director campaigns and outreach at community events. He highlighted conversations with Tule River Tribal council and developing a tribal council service plan and the tribe participation in TCRTA.

Discussion ensued among members present regarding holding a special meeting with a date to be determined via email in order to take action on time sensitive item on the agenda.

#### V. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

#### Request Approval of the Consent Calendar Action Items V-A through V-B

- A. Action: Approve Minutes of February 28, 2022 and March 21, 2022
- B. Action: Reaffirm Resolution No. 2021-11 to Approve Remote Attendance at Public Meetings Pursuant to State Assembly Bill 361
- C. Information: Conflict of Interest Code (Form 700) Due April 1, 2022

Items tabled for special meeting to be held March 28, 2022.

#### VI. ACTION AND INFORMATION ITEMS:

- A. Action: Approve Outreach For 2022 Fare and Service Changes
- B. Action: Approve Technical Advisory Committee Reorganization
- C. Action: 2022 CALACT Spring Conference and Expo

Items tabled for special meeting to be held March 28, 2022.

#### VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Information: Directors Report

B. Information: Items from Staff

- C. Information: Items from Board Members
- D. Request from Board Members for Future Agenda Items

Items Tabled for special meeting to be held March 28, 2022.

#### VIII. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m. The next meeting of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA) Board of Directors will be held on Monday, March 28, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. at the TCAG Office located at 210 N. Church St. Suite B, Visalia, CA 93291.

#### Tulare County Regional Transit Agency

AGENDA ITEM V-C March 28, 2022 Prepared by Richard Tree, TCRTA Staff

#### **SUBJECT:**

Action: Reaffirm Conditions of State Assembly Bill 361 to Continue Remote Attendance

#### **BACKGROUND:**

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor suspended part of the Brown Act concerning the requirements for allowing Governing Board members to remotely participate in Board meetings. The suspended provisions require that 1) Governing Board meeting agendas allowing remote Board Member participation list each of the specific locations from which Board members will be remotely participating, 2) such agendas be posted at each such location, and 3) members of the public must be allowed to remotely participate in the meeting from each of the listed locations. The suspension was done to promote social distancing and so to help limit the spread of COVID-19.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The Governor's suspension of these Brown Act provisions expired as of September 30, 2021, and was replaced by State Assembly Bill (AB) 361, an urgency statute that became effective as of September 30, 2021. Under AB 361, Governing Boards can continue to allow remote Board members participation in Brown Act public meetings if several conditions are met:

- 1. The meeting is held during a declared State of Emergency (Like the Governor's COVID-19 pandemic State of Emergency that's still in effect in California);
- 2. The Governing Board adopts findings to the effect that allowing remote meeting participation by Governing Board members promotes social distancing, which in turn helps prevent the spread of COVID-19;
- 3. The Governing Board confirms these conditions continue to be met every 30 days.

The Tulare County Regional Transit Agency Board of Directors passed a resolution adopting a policy of remote attendance pursuant to AB 361 on October 18, 2021.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency Board of Directors reaffirm Resolution No. 2021-11 to continue to participate in its governing board meetings remotely by the teleconferencing provisions of AB 361.

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#### **ATTACHMENT:**

None

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#### Tulare County Regional Transit Agency

AGENDA ITEM V-D
March 28, 2022
Prepared by Richard Tree, TCRTA Staff

#### **SUBJECT:**

**ACTION:** Reaffirm Approval to Purchase Regional Fare Collection System

#### **BACKGROUND:**

At the meeting of February 28, 2022, the Board of Directors of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency authorized the award of a sole source contract with Genfare for the purchase of all Genfare equipment, software, warranty, and maintenance itemized in the Genfare quoate and at a total cost not to exceed \$2,069,691.21.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

Staff inadvertently did not attach a draft resolution, which is required to proceed with issuing a purchase order.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency Board of Directors reaffirm the approval by way of the attached draft Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Genfare for a Regional Fare Collection System in the amount not to exceed \$2,069,691.21

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Draft Resolution

| RESOLU | JTION: | 2022- |  |
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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AGENCY APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A FARE COLLECTION SYSTEM FROM GENFARE IN THE AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$2,069,691.21 AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

**WHEREAS**, the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency and Visalia Transit desire to have a regional fare system to encourage increased ridership, make it easier to pay the fare, and transfer between systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency and Visalia Transit already have a significant amount investment in existing Genfare fare collection equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, a sole source procurement with Genfare is in the best interest of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency and Visalia Transit for the substantial cost savings that would not be afforded through a competitive process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AGENCY, does hereby approve this purchase and directs staff to execute the necessary documents to acquire a regional fare collection system from Genfare at a not-to-exceed cost of \$2,069,691.21.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022 by the Board of Directors of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency.

| 28 <sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.  |
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| AYES:  |
| NOES:  |
| ABSTAIN:   |
| ABSENT:  |
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| Signed   |
| Jose Sigala  |
| Board Chair  |
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| ATTEST:  |
| I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution 2022 was duly adopted by the  |
| Board of Directors of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency at a regular meeting thereof held on the 28 <sup>th</sup> day of March 2022. |
| thereof field off the 28 day of March 2022.  |
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| Signed   |
| Richard Tree   |
| Executive Director   |

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION** was passed and adopted by the Board of Directors

of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency at a regular meeting thereof held on the

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#### **Tulare County Regional Transit Agency**

AGENDA ITEM V-E March 28, 2022 Prepared by Richard Tree, TCRTA Staff

#### **SUBJECT:**

Information: Conflict of Interest Code (Form 700) Due April 1, 2022

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Tulare County Regional Transit Agency is required to adopt and maintain a conflict of interest code. This code outlines who must disclose information on an annual basis, and what type of information must be disclosed.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The Political Reform Act requires certain officials and employees who serve in positions designated in an agency's conflict of interest code to file a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700). Parts A of the TCRTA Conflict of Interest code provides a listing of positions that are designated to provide a Form 700 by April 1, 2022. Part B lists the disclosure categories for those designated positions.

The Form 700 is available in an interactive version on the Fair Political Practices Commission website: <a href="https://www.fppc.ca.gov">www.fppc.ca.gov</a>.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1. Form 700
- 2. Reference Pamphlet
- 3. Form 700 FAQs
- 4. TCRTA Conflict of Interest and Designations

# 2021-2022 Statement of Economic Interests



### **Form 700**

#### A Public Document

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#### **Helpful Resources**

- Video Tutorials
- Reference Pamphlet
- Excel Version
- FAQs
- Gift and Travel Fact Sheet for State and Local Officials

#### **California Fair Political Practices Commission**

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#### **Quick Start Guide**

Detailed instructions begin on page 3.

#### WHEN IS THE ANNUAL STATEMENT DUE?

- March 1 Elected State Officers, Judges and Court Commissioners, State Board and Commission members listed in Government Code Section 87200
- April 1 Most other filers

#### WHERE DO I FILE?

Most people file the Form 700 with their agency. If you're not sure where to file your Form 700, contact your filing officer or the person who asked you to complete it.

#### **ITEMS TO NOTE!**

- The Form 700 is a public document.
- Only filers serving in active military duty may receive an extension on the filing deadline.
- You must also report interests held by your spouse or registered domestic partner.
- Your agency's conflict of interest code will help you to complete the Form 700. You are encouraged to get your conflict of interest code from the person who asked you to complete the Form 700.

#### **NOTHING TO REPORT?**

Mark the "No reportable interests" box on Part 4 of the Cover Page, and submit only the signed Cover Page. Please review each schedule carefully!

| Schedule                             | Common<br>Reportable Interests  | Common<br>Non-Reportable Interests   |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| A-1:<br>Investments                  | Stocks, including those held in an IRA or 401K. Each stock must be listed.  | Insurance policies, government bonds, diversified mutual funds, funds similar to diversified mutual funds. |
| A-2:<br>Business<br>Entitites/Trusts | Business entities, sole proprietorships, partnerships, LLCs, corporations and trusts. (e.g., Form 1099 filers).     | Savings and checking accounts, and annuities.  |
| B:<br>Real Property                  | Rental property in filer's jurisdiction, or within two miles of the boundaries of the jurisdiction.                 | A residence used exclusively as a personal residence (such as a home or vacation property).                |
| C:<br>Income                         | Non-governmental salaries. Note that filers are required to report only half of their spouse's or partner's salary. | Governmental salary (from school district, for example).   |
| D:<br>Gifts                          | Gifts from businesses, vendors, or other contractors (meals, tickets, etc.).  | Gifts from family members.   |
| E:<br>Travel<br>Payments             | Travel payments from third parties (not your employer).   | Travel paid by your government agency.   |

*Note:* Like reportable interests, non-reportable interests may also create conflicts of interest and could be grounds for disqualification from certain decisions.

#### **QUESTIONS?**

- advice@fppc.ca.gov
- (866) 275-3772 Mon-Thurs, 9-11:30 a.m.

#### E-FILING ISSUES?

- If using your agency's system, please contact technical support at your agency.
- If using FPPC's e-filing system, write to form700@fppc.ca.gov.

#### What's New

#### **Gift Limit Increase**

The gift limit increased to \$520 for calendar years 2021 and 2022. The gift limit in 2020 was \$500.

#### Who must file:

- Elected and appointed officials and candidates listed in Government Code Section 87200
- Employees, appointed officials, and consultants filing pursuant to a conflict of interest code ("code filers"). Obtain your disclosure categories, which describe the interests you must report, from your agency; they are not part of the Form 700
- Candidates running for local elective offices that are designated in a conflict of interest code (e.g., county sheriffs, city clerks, school board trustees, and water board members)

#### Exception:

- Candidates for a county central committee are not required to file the Form 700
- Employees in newly created positions of existing agencies

For more information, see Reference Pamphlet, page 3, at www. fppc.ca.gov.

#### Where to file:

#### **87200 Filers**

State offices
Judicial offices
Retired Judges
County offices
Directly with FPPC
Your county filing official
Your city clerk
Multi-County offices
Your agency
Your agency

### Code Filers — State and Local Officials, Employees, and Consultants Designated in a Conflict of Interest

**Code:** File with your agency, board, or commission unless otherwise specified in your agency's code (e.g., Legislative staff files directly with FPPC). In most cases, the agency, board, or commission will retain the statements.

**Members of Newly Created Boards and Commissions:** File with your agency or with your agency's code reviewing body pursuant to Regulation 18754.

Employees in Newly Created Positions of Existing Agencies: File with your agency or with your agency's code reviewing body. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 3.)

Candidates file as follow:

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| State offices, Judicial  |               | County elections official with |
| offices and              |               | whom you file your             |
| multi-county offices     | $\Rightarrow$ | declaration of candidacy       |
| County offices           | $\Rightarrow$ | County elections official      |
| City offices             | $\Rightarrow$ | City Clerk                     |
| Public Employee's        |               |                                |
| Retirement System        |               |                                |
| (CalPERS)                | $\Rightarrow$ | CalPERS                        |
| State Teacher's          |               |                                |
| Retirement Board         |               |                                |
| (CalSTRS)                | $\Rightarrow$ | CalSTRS                        |
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#### How to file:

The Form 700 is available at www.fppc.ca.gov. Form 700 schedules are also available in Excel format. Each Statement must have a handwritten "wet" signature or "secure electronic signature," meaning either (1) a signature submitted using an approved electronic filing system or (2) if permitted by the filing officer, a digital signature submitted via the filer's agency email address. (See Regulations 18104 and 18757.) Companies such as Adobe and DocuSign offer digital signature services. All statements are signed under the penalty of perjury and must be verified by the filer. See Regulation 18723.1(c) for filing instructions for copies of expanded statements.

#### When to file:

#### **Annual Statements**

#### **⇒** March 1, 2022

- Elected State Officers
- Judges and Court Commissioners
- State Board and State Commission Members listed in Government Code Section 87200

#### **⊃** April 1, 2022

- Most other filers

Individuals filing under conflict of interest codes in city and county jurisdictions should verify the annual filing date with their filing official or filing officer.

Statements postmarked by the filing deadline are considered filed on time.

Statements of 30 pages or less may be emailed or faxed by the deadline as long as the originally signed paper version is sent by first class mail to the filing official within 24 hours.

#### **Assuming Office and Leaving Office Statements**

Most filers file within 30 days of assuming or leaving office or within 30 days of the effective date of a newly adopted or amended conflict of interest code.

#### Exception:

If you assumed office between October 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021, and filed an assuming office statement, you are not required to file an annual statement until March 1, 2023, or April 1, 2023, whichever is applicable. The annual statement will cover the day after you assumed office through December 31, 2022. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 6, for additional exceptions.

#### **Candidate Statements**

File no later than the final filing date for the declaration of candidacy or nomination documents. A candidate statement is not required if you filed an assuming office or annual statement for the same jurisdiction within 60 days before filing a declaration of candidacy or other nomination documents.

#### **Late Statements**

There is no provision for filing deadline extensions unless the filer is serving in active military duty. (See page 19 for information on penalties and fines.)

#### **Amendments**

Statements may be amended at any time. You are only required to amend the schedule that needs to be revised. It is not necessary to amend the entire filed form. Obtain amendment schedules at www.fppc.ca.gov.

#### **Types of Statements**

#### **Assuming Office Statement:**

If you are a newly appointed official or are newly employed in a position designated, or that will be designated, in a state or local agency's conflict of interest code, your assuming office date is the date you were sworn in or otherwise authorized to serve in the position. If you are a newly elected official, your assuming office date is the date you were sworn in.

 Report: Investments, interests in real property, and business positions held on the date you assumed the office or position must be reported. In addition, income (including loans, gifts, and travel payments) received during the 12 months prior to the date you assumed the office or position.

For positions subject to confirmation by the State Senate or the Commission on Judicial Appointments, your assuming office date is the date you were appointed or nominated to the position.

Example: Maria Lopez was nominated by the Governor
to serve on a state agency board that is subject to state
Senate confirmation. The assuming office date is the
date Maria's nomination is submitted to the Senate.
Maria must report investments, interests in real
property, and business positions she holds on that date,
and income (including loans, gifts, and travel payments)
received during the 12 months prior to that date.

If your office or position has been added to a newly adopted or newly amended conflict of interest code, use the effective date of the code or amendment, whichever is applicable.

 Report: Investments, interests in real property, and business positions held on the effective date of the code or amendment must be reported. In addition, income (including loans, gifts, and travel payments) received during the 12 months prior to the effective date of the code or amendment.

#### **Annual Statement:**

Generally, the period covered is January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. If the period covered by the statement is different than January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, (for example, you assumed office between October 1, 2020, and December 31, 2020 or you are combining statements), you must specify the period covered.

 Investments, interests in real property, business positions held, and income (including loans, gifts, and travel payments) received during the period covered by the statement must be reported. Do not change the preprinted dates on Schedules A-1, A-2, and B unless you are required to report the acquisition or disposition of an interest that did not occur in 2021.  If your disclosure category changes during a reporting period, disclose under the old category until the effective date of the conflict of interest code amendment and disclose under the new disclosure category through the end of the reporting period.

#### **Leaving Office Statement:**

Generally, the period covered is January 1, 2021, through the date you stopped performing the duties of your position. If the period covered differs from January 1, 2021, through the date you stopped performing the duties of your position (for example, you assumed office between October 1, 2020, and December 31, 2020, or you are combining statements), the period covered must be specified. The reporting period can cover parts of two calendar years.

 Report: Investments, interests in real property, business positions held, and income (including loans, gifts, and travel payments) received during the period covered by the statement. Do not change the preprinted dates on Schedules A-1, A-2, and B unless you are required to report the acquisition or disposition of an interest that did not occur in 2021.

#### **Candidate Statement:**

If you are filing a statement in connection with your candidacy for state or local office, investments, interests in real property, and business positions held on the date of filing your declaration of candidacy must be reported. In addition, income (including loans, gifts, and travel payments) received during the 12 months <u>prior to</u> the date of filing your declaration of candidacy is reportable. Do not change the preprinted dates on Schedules A-1, A-2, and B.

Candidates running for local elective offices (e.g., county sheriffs, city clerks, school board trustees, or water district board members) must file candidate statements, as required by the conflict of interest code for the elected position.

The code may be obtained from the agency of the elected position.

#### Amendments:

If you discover errors or omissions on any statement, file an amendment as soon as possible. You are only required to amend the schedule that needs to be revised; it is not necessary to refile the entire form. Obtain amendment schedules from the FPPC website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

*Note:* Once you file your statement, you may not withdraw it. All changes must be noted on amendment schedules.

#### **Expanded Statement:**

If you hold multiple positions subject to reporting requirements, you may be able to file an expanded statement for each position, rather than a separate and distinct statement for each position. The expanded statement must cover all reportable interests for all jurisdictions and list all positions for which it is filed. The rules and processes governing the filing of an expanded statement are set forth in Regulation 18723.1

### STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS COVER PAGE

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| NAME OF FILER (LAST)  | (FIRST)                         | (MIDDLE)   |
| 1. Office, Agency, or Court   |                                 |  |
| Agency Name (Do not use acronyms)   |                                 |  |
| Division, Board, Department, District, if ap  | plicable                        | Your Position  |
|   |                                 |  |
| ▶ If filing for multiple positions, list below  | or on an attachment. (Do not us | re acronyms)   |
| Agency:   |                                 | Position:  |
| 2. Jurisdiction of Office (Check at   | least one hox)                  |  |
| State   | rouge one boxy                  | Judge, Retired Judge, Pro Tem Judge, or Court Commissioner   |
|   |                                 | (Statewide Jurisdiction)   |
| Multi-County  |                                 | County of  |
| City of   |                                 | Other  |
| 3. Type of Statement (Check at lease  | st one box)                     |  |
| Annual: The period covered is Janu December 31, 2021.                                     | ary 1, <b>2021,</b> through     | Leaving Office: Date Left//(Check one circle.)   |
| The period covered is<br>December 31, <b>2021</b> .                                       | /, through                      | The period covered is January 1, <b>2021</b> , through the date of leaving office.  -or-                 |
| Assuming Office: Date assumed _   |                                 | The period covered is/, through the date of leaving office.  |
| Candidate: Date of Election   | and office sough                | t, if different than Part 1:   |
| 4. Schedule Summary (must co  | mplete) ► Total number          | of pages including this cover page:  |
| Schedules attached  |                                 |  |
| Schedule A-1 - Investments - sch  | nedule attached                 | Schedule C - Income, Loans, & Business Positions - schedule attached                                     |
| Schedule A-2 - Investments - sch  | nedule attached                 | Schedule D - Income - Gifts - schedule attached  |
| Schedule B - Real Property - sch  | nedule attached                 | Schedule E - Income - Gifts - Travel Payments - schedule attached  |
| -or- None - No reportable inter   | rests on any schedule           |  |
| 5. Verification   |                                 |  |
| MAILING ADDRESS STREET<br>(Business or Agency Address Recommended - Public                | CITY Cocument)                  | STATE ZIP CODE   |
| DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER  |                                 | EMAIL ADDRESS  |
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| I have used all reasonable diligence in pre<br>herein and in any attached schedules is to |                                 | ewed this statement and to the best of my knowledge the information contained this is a public document. |
| ·   |                                 | nia that the foregoing is true and correct.  |
| Data Signad   |                                 | Signature  |
| Date Signed   |                                 | Signature  |

### Instructions Cover Page

Enter your name, mailing address, and daytime telephone number in the spaces provided. Because the Form 700 is a public document, you may list your business/office address instead of your home address.

#### Part 1. Office, Agency, or Court

- Enter the name of the office sought or held, or the agency or court. Consultants must enter the public agency name rather than their private firm's name. (Examples: State Assembly; Board of Supervisors; Office of the Mayor; Department of Finance; Hope County Superior Court).
- Indicate the name of your division, board, or district, if applicable. (Examples: Division of Waste Management; Board of Accountancy; District 45). Do not use acronyms.
- Enter your position title. (Examples: Director; Chief Counsel; City Council Member; Staff Services Analyst).
- If you hold multiple positions (i.e., a city council member who
  also is a member of a county board or commission) you may
  be required to file separate and distinct statements with each
  agency. To simplify your filing obligations, in some cases you
  may instead complete a single expanded statement and file it
  with each agency.
  - The rules and processes governing the filing of an expanded statement are set forth in Regulation 18723.1.
     To file an expanded statement for multiple positions, enter the name of each agency with which you are required to file and your position title with each agency in the space provided. Do not use acronyms. Attach an additional sheet if necessary. Complete one statement disclosing all reportable interests for all jurisdictions. Then file the expanded statement with each agency as directed by Regulation 18723.1(c).

If you assume or leave a position after a filing deadline, you must complete a separate statement. For example, a city council member who assumes a position with a county special district after the April annual filing deadline must file a separate assuming office statement. In subsequent years, the city council member may expand their annual filing to include both positions.

#### **Example:**

Brian Bourne is a city council member for the City of Lincoln and a board member for the Camp Far West Irrigation District – a multi-county agency that covers the Counties of Placer and Yuba. The City is located within Placer County. Brian may complete one expanded statement to disclose all reportable interests for both offices and list both positions on the Cover Page. Brian will file the expanded statement with each the City and the District as directed by Regulation 18723.1(c).

#### Part 2. Jurisdiction of Office

- Check the box indicating the jurisdiction of your agency and, if applicable, identify the jurisdiction. Judges, judicial candidates, and court commissioners have statewide jurisdiction. All other filers should review the Reference Pamphlet, page 13, to determine their jurisdiction.
- If your agency is a multi-county office, list each county in which your agency has jurisdiction.

If your agency is not a state office, court, county office, city
office, or multi-county office (e.g., school districts, special
districts and JPAs), check the "other" box and enter the
county or city in which the agency has jurisdiction.

#### Example:

This filer is a member of a water district board with jurisdiction in portions of Yuba and Sutter Counties.

| 1. Office, Agency, or Court  |  |
|--|--|
| Agency Name (Do not use acronyms)  |  |
| Feather River Irrigation District  |  |
| Division, Board, Department, District, if applicable   | Your Position  |
| N/A  | Board Member   |
| ► If filing for multiple positions, list below or on an attachment. (Do not used)  Agency: N/A | • •  |
| 2. Jurisdiction of Office (Check at least one box)   |  |
| State  | Judge or Court Commissioner (Statewide Jurisdiction) |
| Multi-County Yuba & Sutter Counties  | County of  |
| City of  | Other  |

#### Part 3. Type of Statement

Check at least one box. The period covered by a statement is determined by the type of statement you are filing. If you are completing a 2021 annual statement, **do not** change the pre-printed dates to reflect 2022. Your annual statement is used for reporting the **previous year's** economic interests. Economic interests for your annual filing covering January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, will be disclosed on your statement filed in 2023. See Reference Pamphlet, page 4.

Combining Statements: Certain types of statements for the same position may be combined. For example, if you leave office after January 1, but before the deadline for filing your annual statement, you may combine your annual and leaving office statements. File by the earliest deadline. Consult your filing officer or the FPPC.

#### Part 4. Schedule Summary

- Complete the Schedule Summary after you have reviewed each schedule to determine if you have reportable interests.
- Enter the total number of completed pages including the cover page and either check the box for each schedule you use to disclose interests; or if you have nothing to disclose on any schedule, check the "No reportable interests" box. Please do not attach any blank schedules.

#### Part 5. Verification

Complete the verification by signing the statement and entering the date signed. Each statement must have an original "wet" signature unless filed with a secure electronic signature. (See page 3 above.) All statements must be signed under penalty of perjury and be verified by the filer pursuant to Government Code Section 81004. See Regulation 18723.1(c) for filing instructions for copies of expanded statements.

When you sign your statement, you are stating, under penalty of perjury, that it is true and correct. Only the filer has authority to sign the statement. An unsigned statement is not considered filed and you may be subject to late filing penalties.

#### **SCHEDULE A-1 Investments**

### Stocks, Bonds, and Other Interests (Ownership Interest is Less Than 10%)

Investments must be itemized.

Do not attach brokerage or financial statements.

| CALIFORNIA FORM 700 FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION |
|---|
| Name  |

| ► NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY   | ► NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY  |
|---|--|
|   |  |
| GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THIS BUSINESS  | GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THIS BUSINESS   |
| FAIR MARKET VALUE   | FAIR MARKET VALUE  |
| \$2,000 - \$10,000 \$10,001 - \$100,000   | \$2,000 - \$10,000 \$10,001 - \$100,000  |
| \$100,001 - \$1,000,000 Over \$1,000,000  | \$100,001 - \$1,000,000 Over \$1,000,000   |
| NATURE OF INVESTMENT Stock Other  | NATURE OF INVESTMENT Stock Other   |
| (Describe)  | (Describe)   |
| Partnership Income Received of \$0 - \$499 Income Received of \$500 or More (Report on Schedule C)            | Partnership Income Received of \$0 - \$499 Income Received of \$500 or More (Report on Schedule C)             |
| IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:   | IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:  |
| // <u>//</u>  | / <u>/21</u>   |
| ACQUIRED DISPOSED   | ACQUIRED DISPOSED  |
| ► NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY   | ► NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY  |
| GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THIS BUSINESS  | GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THIS BUSINESS   |
| FAIR MARKET VALUE   | FAIR MARKET VALUE  |
| \$2,000 - \$10,000 \$10,001 - \$100,000   | \$2,000 - \$10,000 \$10,001 - \$100,000  |
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| ACQUIRED DISPOSED   | ACQUIRED DISPOSED  |
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|   | FAIR MARKET VALUE  |
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| Partnership Income Received of \$0 - \$499<br>Income Received of \$500 or More (Report on Schedule C)         | Partnership Income Received of \$0 - \$499<br>Income Received of \$500 or More (Report on Schedule C)          |
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| Comments:   |  |

### Instructions – Schedules A-1 and A-2 Investments

"Investment" means a financial interest in any business entity (including a consulting business or other independent contracting business) that is located in, doing business in, planning to do business in, or that has done business during the previous two years in your agency's jurisdiction in which you, your spouse or registered domestic partner, or your dependent children had a direct, indirect, or beneficial interest totaling \$2,000 or more at any time during the reporting period. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 13.)

#### Reportable investments include:

- Stocks, bonds, warrants, and options, including those held in margin or brokerage accounts and managed investment funds (See Reference Pamphlet, page 13.)
- Sole proprietorships
- Your own business or your spouse's or registered domestic partner's business (See Reference Pamphlet, page 8, for the definition of "business entity.")
- Your spouse's or registered domestic partner's investments even if they are legally separate property
- Partnerships (e.g., a law firm or family farm)
- Investments in reportable business entities held in a retirement account (See Reference Pamphlet, page 15.)
- If you, your spouse or registered domestic partner, and dependent children together had a 10% or greater ownership interest in a business entity or trust (including a living trust), you must disclose investments held by the business entity or trust. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 16, for more information on disclosing trusts.)
- · Business trusts

#### You are not required to disclose:

- Government bonds, diversified mutual funds, certain funds similar to diversified mutual funds (such as exchange traded funds) and investments held in certain retirement accounts. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 13.) (Regulation 18237)
- Bank accounts, savings accounts, money market accounts and certificates of deposits
- · Insurance policies
- Annuities
- Commodities
- · Shares in a credit union
- Government bonds (including municipal bonds)

#### Reminders

- Do you know your agency's jurisdiction?
- Did you hold investments at any time during the period covered by this statement?
- Code filers your disclosure categories may only require disclosure of specific investments.

- Retirement accounts invested in non-reportable interests (e.g., insurance policies, mutual funds, or government bonds) (See Reference Pamphlet, page 15.)
- Government defined-benefit pension plans (such as CalPERS and CalSTRS plans)
- Certain interests held in a blind trust (See Reference Pamphlet, page 16.)

**Use Schedule A-1** to report ownership of less than 10% (e.g., stock). Schedule C (Income) may also be required if the investment is not a stock or corporate bond. (See second example below.)

**Use Schedule A-2** to report ownership of 10% or greater (e.g., a sole proprietorship).

#### To Complete Schedule A-1:

Do not attach brokerage or financial statements.

- Disclose the name of the business entity.
- Provide a general description of the business activity of the entity (e.g., pharmaceuticals, computers, automobile manufacturing, or communications).
- Check the box indicating the highest fair market value of your investment during the reporting period. If you are filing a candidate or an assuming office statement, indicate the fair market value on the filing date or the date you took office, respectively. (See page 20 for more information.)
- Identify the nature of your investment (e.g., stocks, warrants, options, or bonds).
- An acquired or disposed of date is only required if you initially acquired or entirely disposed of the investment interest during the reporting period. The date of a stock dividend reinvestment or partial disposal is not required. Generally, these dates will not apply if you are filing a candidate or an assuming office statement.

#### Examples:

Frank Byrd holds a state agency position. His conflict of interest code requires full disclosure of investments. Frank must disclose his stock holdings of \$2,000 or more in any company that is located in or does business in California, as well as those stocks held by his spouse or registered domestic partner and dependent children.

Alice Lance is a city council member. She has a 4% interest, worth \$5,000, in a limited partnership located in the city. Alice must disclose the partnership on Schedule A-1 and income of \$500 or more received from the partnership on Schedule C.

#### SCHEDULE A-2 Investments, Income, and Assets of Business Entities/Trusts

| CALIFORNIA FORM 700 FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION |
|---|
| Name  |

(Ownership Interest is 10% or Greater)

| ▶ 1. BUSINESS ENTITY OR TRUST   | ► 1. BUSINESS ENTITY OR TRUST  |
|---|--|
|   |  |
| Name  | Name   |
| Address (Business Address Acceptable)   | Address (Business Address Acceptable)  |
| Check one   | Check one  |
| Trust, go to 2 Business Entity, complete the box, then go to 2  | Trust, go to 2 Business Entity, complete the box, then go to 2   |
| GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THIS BUSINESS  | GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THIS BUSINESS   |
| FAIR MARKET VALUE IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE: \$0 - \$1,999 \$2,000 - \$10,000 \$10,001 - \$100,000 S100,001 - \$1,000,000 Over \$1,000,000 | FAIR MARKET VALUE   IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:  |
| NATURE OF INVESTMENT Partnership Sole Proprietorship Other  | NATURE OF INVESTMENT Partnership Sole Proprietorship Other   |
| YOUR BUSINESS POSITION  | YOUR BUSINESS POSITION   |
| ➤ 2. IDENTIFY THE GROSS INCOME RECEIVED (INCLUDE YOUR PRO RATA SHARE OF THE GROSS INCOME <u>TO</u> THE ENTITY/TRUST)                      | ➤ 2. IDENTIFY THE GROSS INCOME RECEIVED (INCLUDE YOUR PRO RATA SHARE OF THE GROSS INCOME TO THE ENTITY/TRUST)  |
| \$0 - \$499 \$10,001 - \$100,000<br>\$500 - \$1,000 OVER \$100,000<br>\$1,001 - \$10,000  | \$0 - \$499 \$10,001 - \$100,000<br>\$500 - \$1,000 OVER \$100,000<br>\$1,001 - \$10,000   |
| None or Names listed below  | None or Names listed below   |
| ► 4. INVESTMENTS AND INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY HELD OR LEASED BY THE BUSINESS ENTITY OR TRUST Check one box: INVESTMENT REAL PROPERTY    | ➤ 4. INVESTMENTS AND INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY HELD OR LEASED BY THE BUSINESS ENTITY OR TRUST  Check one box: INVESTMENT  REAL PROPERTY   |
|   |  |
| Name of Business Entity, if Investment, <u>or</u><br>Assessor's Parcel Number or Street Address of Real Property                          | Name of Business Entity, if Investment, <u>or</u><br>Assessor's Parcel Number or Street Address of Real Property   |
| Description of Business Activity or City or Other Precise Location of Real Property   | Description of Business Activity or City or Other Precise Location of Real Property  |
| FAIR MARKET VALUE IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE: \$2,000 - \$10,000 \$10,001 - \$100,000 \$100,001 - \$1,000,000 Over \$1,000,000              | FAIR MARKET VALUE IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE: \$2,000 - \$10,000 \$10,001 - \$100,000 \$100,001 - \$1,000,000 Over \$1,000,000  STORMARKET VALUE  IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:  ACQUIRED DISPOSED |
| NATURE OF INTEREST Property Ownership/Deed of Trust Stock Partnership   | NATURE OF INTEREST Property Ownership/Deed of Trust Stock Partnership  |
| Leasehold Other   | Leasehold Other  |
| Check box if additional schedules reporting investments or real property are attached   | Check box if additional schedules reporting investments or real property are attached  |

### Instructions – Schedule A-2 Investments, Income, and Assets of Business Entities/Trusts

Use Schedule A-2 to report investments in a business entity (including a consulting business or other independent contracting business) or trust (including a living trust) in which you, your spouse or registered domestic partner, and your dependent children, together or separately, had a 10% or greater interest, totaling \$2,000 or more, during the reporting period and which is located in, doing business in, planning to do business in, or which has done business during the previous two years in your agency's jurisdiction. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 13.) A trust located outside your agency's jurisdiction is reportable if it holds assets that are located in or doing business in the jurisdiction. Do not report a trust that contains non-reportable interests. For example, a trust containing only your personal residence not used in whole or in part as a business, your savings account, and some municipal bonds, is not reportable.

Also report on Schedule A-2 investments and real property held by that entity or trust if your pro rata share of the investment or real property interest was \$2,000 or more during the reporting period.

#### **To Complete Schedule A-2:**

**Part 1.** Disclose the name and address of the business entity or trust. If you are reporting an interest in a business entity, check "Business Entity" and complete the box as follows:

- Provide a general description of the business activity of the entity.
- Check the box indicating the highest fair market value of your investment during the reporting period.
- If you initially acquired or entirely disposed of this interest during the reporting period, enter the date acquired or disposed.
- Identify the nature of your investment.
- Disclose the job title or business position you held with the entity, if any (i.e., if you were a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or held any position of management). A business position held by your spouse is not reportable.

Part 2. Check the box indicating your pro rata share of the gross income received by the business entity or trust. This amount includes your pro rata share of the gross income from the business entity or trust, as well as your community property interest in your spouse's or registered domestic partner's share. Gross income is the total amount of income before deducting expenses, losses, or taxes.

**Part 3.** Disclose the name of each source of income that is located in, doing business in, planning to do business in, or that has done business during the previous two years in your agency's jurisdiction, as follows:

- Disclose each source of income and outstanding loan to the business entity or trust identified in Part 1 if your pro rata share of the gross income (including your community property interest in your spouse's or registered domestic partner's share) to the business entity or trust from that source was \$10,000 or more during the reporting period. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 11, for examples.) Income from governmental sources may be reportable if not considered salary. See Regulation 18232. Loans from commercial lending institutions made in the lender's regular course of business on terms available to members of the public without regard to your official status are not reportable.
- Disclose each individual or entity that was a source of commission income of \$10,000 or more during the reporting period through the business entity identified in Part 1. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 8.)

You may be required to disclose sources of income located outside your jurisdiction. For example, you may have a client who resides outside your jurisdiction who does business on a regular basis with you. Such a client, if a reportable source of \$10,000 or more, must be disclosed.

Mark "None" if you do not have any reportable \$10,000 sources of income to disclose. Phrases such as "various clients" or "not disclosing sources pursuant to attorney-client privilege" are not adequate disclosure. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 14, for information on procedures to request an exemption from disclosing privileged information.)

**Part 4.** Report any investments or interests in real property held or leased **by the entity or trust** identified in Part 1 if your pro rata share of the interest held was \$2,000 or more during the reporting period. Attach additional schedules or use FPPC's Form 700 Excel spreadsheet if needed.

- Check the applicable box identifying the interest held as real property or an investment.
- If investment, provide the name and description of the business entity.
- If real property, report the precise location (e.g., an assessor's parcel number or address).
- Check the box indicating the highest fair market value of your interest in the real property or investment during the reporting period. (Report the fair market value of the portion of your residence claimed as a tax deduction if you are utilizing your residence for business purposes.)
- Identify the nature of your interest.
- Enter the date acquired or disposed only if you initially acquired or entirely disposed of your interest in the property or investment during the reporting period.

### **SCHEDULE B** Interests in Real Property (Including Rental Income)

CALIFORNIA FORM 700 FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION Name

| ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER OR STREET ADDRESS  | ► ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER OR STREET ADDRESS  |
|---|---|
| CITY  | CITY  |
| FAIR MARKET VALUE IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:   | FAIR MARKET VALUE IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:   |
| \$2,000 - \$10,000<br>\$10,001 - \$100,000<br>\$100,001 - \$1,000,000<br>Over \$1,000,000  ACQUIRED DISPOSED  | \$2,000 - \$10,000<br>\$10,001 - \$100,000<br>\$100,001 - \$1,000,000<br>Over \$1,000,000   |
| NATURE OF INTEREST  | NATURE OF INTEREST  |
| Ownership/Deed of Trust Easement  | Ownership/Deed of Trust Easement  |
| Leasehold   | Leasehold   |
| Yrs. remaining Other  | Yrs. remaining Other  |
| F RENTAL PROPERTY, GROSS INCOME RECEIVED  | IF RENTAL PROPERTY, GROSS INCOME RECEIVED   |
| \$0 - \$499 \$500 - \$1,000 \$1,001 - \$10,000  | \$0 - \$499 \$500 - \$1,000 \$1,001 - \$10,000  |
| \$10,001 - \$100,000 OVER \$100,000   | \$10,001 - \$100,000 OVER \$100,000   |
| SOURCES OF RENTAL INCOME: If you own a 10% or greater nterest, list the name of each tenant that is a single source of  | SOURCES OF RENTAL INCOME: If you own a 10% or greater interest, list the name of each tenant that is a single source of income of \$10,000 or more.   |
| You are not required to report loans from a commercia<br>business on terms available to members of the public   | Il lending institution made in the lender's regular course of without regard to your official status. Personal loans and  |
| You are not required to report loans from a commercia business on terms available to members of the public oans received not in a lender's regular course of busi   | None  Il lending institution made in the lender's regular course of without regard to your official status. Personal loans and  |
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| You are not required to report loans from a commercial business on terms available to members of the public oans received not in a lender's regular course of business of Lender*  ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)  BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF LENDER  | None  Il lending institution made in the lender's regular course of without regard to your official status. Personal loans and ness must be disclosed as follows:  NAME OF LENDER*  ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)   |
| You are not required to report loans from a commercial pusiness on terms available to members of the public poans received not in a lender's regular course of business OF LENDER*  DDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)  USINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF LENDER   | None  Il lending institution made in the lender's regular course without regard to your official status. Personal loans and ness must be disclosed as follows:  NAME OF LENDER*  ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)  BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF LENDER  |
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| You are not required to report loans from a commercial business on terms available to members of the public loans received not in a lender's regular course of business Address Acceptable)  ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)  BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF LENDER  NTEREST RATE  TERM (Months/Years)  None                           | None  Il lending institution made in the lender's regular course without regard to your official status. Personal loans and ness must be disclosed as follows:  NAME OF LENDER*  ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)  BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF LENDER  INTEREST RATE  TERM (Months/Years)  ———————————————————————————————————     |
| You are not required to report loans from a commercial business on terms available to members of the public loans received not in a lender's regular course of business of Lender*  ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)  BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF LENDER  NTEREST RATE  TERM (Months/Years)  HIGHEST BALANCE DURING REPORTING PERIOD | None  Il lending institution made in the lender's regular course without regard to your official status. Personal loans and ness must be disclosed as follows:  NAME OF LENDER*  ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)  BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF LENDER  INTEREST RATE  TERM (Months/Years)  HIGHEST BALANCE DURING REPORTING PERIOD |

Comments: \_

### Instructions – Schedule B Interests in Real Property

Report interests in real property located in your agency's jurisdiction in which you, your spouse or registered domestic partner, or your dependent children had a direct, indirect, or beneficial interest totaling \$2,000 or more any time during the reporting period. Real property is also considered to be "within the jurisdiction" of a local government agency if the property or any part of it is located within two miles outside the boundaries of the jurisdiction or within two miles of any land owned or used by the local government agency. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 13.)

#### Interests in real property include:

- An ownership interest (including a beneficial ownership interest)
- A deed of trust, easement, or option to acquire property
- A leasehold interest (See Reference Pamphlet, page 14.)
- A mining lease
- An interest in real property held in a retirement account (See Reference Pamphlet, page 15.)
- An interest in real property held by a business entity or trust in which you, your spouse or registered domestic partner, and your dependent children together had a 10% or greater ownership interest (Report on Schedule A-2.)
- Your spouse's or registered domestic partner's interests in real property that are legally held separately by him or her

#### You are <u>not</u> required to report:

- A residence, such as a home or vacation cabin, used exclusively as a personal residence (However, a residence in which you rent out a room or for which you claim a business deduction may be reportable. If reportable, report the fair market value of the portion claimed as a tax deduction.)
- Some interests in real property held through a blind trust (See Reference Pamphlet, page 16.)
  - Please note: A non-reportable property can still be grounds for a conflict of interest and may be disqualifying.

#### To Complete Schedule B:

- Report the precise location (e.g., an assessor's parcel number or address) of the real property.
- Check the box indicating the fair market value of your interest in the property (regardless of what you owe on the property).
- Enter the date acquired or disposed only if you initially acquired or entirely disposed of your interest in the property during the reporting period.
- · Identify the nature of your interest. If it is a leasehold,

#### Reminders

- Income and loans already reported on Schedule B are not also required to be reported on Schedule C.
- Real property already reported on Schedule A-2, Part 4 is not also required to be reported on Schedule B.
- Code filers do your disclosure categories require disclosure of real property?

- disclose the number of years remaining on the lease.
- If you received rental income, check the box indicating the gross amount you received.
- If you had a 10% or greater interest in real property and received rental income, list the name of the source(s) if your pro rata share of the gross income from any single tenant was \$10,000 or more during the reporting period. If you received a total of \$10,000 or more from two or more tenants acting in concert (in most cases, this will apply to married couples), disclose the name of each tenant. Otherwise, mark "None."
- Loans from a private lender that total \$500 or more and are secured by real property may be reportable. Loans from commercial lending institutions made in the lender's regular course of business on terms available to members of the public without regard to your official status are not reportable.

When reporting a loan:

- Provide the name and address of the lender.
- Describe the lender's business activity.
- Disclose the interest rate and term of the loan. For variable interest rate loans, disclose the conditions of the loan (e.g., Prime + 2) or the average interest rate paid during the reporting period. The term of a loan is the total number of months or years given for repayment of the loan at the time the loan was established.
- Check the box indicating the highest balance of the loan during the reporting period.

Identify a guarantor, if applicable.

If you have more than one reportable loan on a single piece of real property, report the additional loan(s) on Schedule C.

#### Example:

Allison Gande is a city planning commissioner. During the reporting period, she received rental income of \$12,000, from a single tenant who rented property she owned in the city's jurisdiction. If Allison received \$6,000 each from two tenants, the tenants' names would not be required because no single tenant paid her \$10,000 or more. A married couple is considered a single tenant.

| 4600 24th Street   |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| Sacramento   |                      |
|  |                      |
| S2.000 - \$10.000  | ACQUIRED DISPOSED    |
| NATURE OF INTEREST   |                      |
| Ownership/Deed of Trust  | Easement             |
| LeaseholdYrs. remaining  | Other                |
| IF RENTAL PROPERTY, GROSS IN   | COME RECEIVED        |
| S0 - \$499 S500 - \$1,00   | 0 \$1,001 - \$10,000 |
| X \$10,001 - \$100,000   | OVER \$100,000       |
| SOURCES OF RENTAL INCOME: I interest, list the name of each to income of \$10,000 or more.  None Henry Wells |                      |
|  |                      |
| NAME OF LENDER*  |                      |
| Sophia Petroillo   |                      |
| ADDRESS (Business Address Acce   |                      |
| 2121 Blue Sky Parkwa   |                      |
| BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF I  | ENDER                |
| Restaurant Owner   |                      |
| INTEREST RATE  | TERM (Months/Years)  |
| % None   | 15 Years             |
| HIGHEST BALANCE DURING REP   | ORTING PERIOD        |
| \$500 - \$1,000 \$1  | ,001 - \$10,000      |
| X \$10,001 - \$100,000 O   | /ER \$100,000        |
| _  |                      |
| Guarantor, if applicable   |                      |

#### SCHEDULE C Income, Loans, & Business Positions

Positions
(Other than Gifts and Travel Payments)

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| Name  |

| 1. INCOME RECEIVED  NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME   | NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME  |  |
|--|---|--|
| ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)  | ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)   |  |
| BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE   | BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE  |  |
| YOUR BUSINESS POSITION   | YOUR BUSINESS POSITION  |  |
| GROSS INCOME RECEIVED No Income - Business Position Only \$500 - \$1,000 \$1,001 - \$10,000 \$10,001 - \$100,000 OVER \$100,000  CONSIDERATION FOR WHICH INCOME WAS RECEIVED     | GROSS INCOME RECEIVED No Income - Business Position On \$500 - \$1,000 \$1,001 - \$10,000 \$10,001 - \$100,000 CONSIDERATION FOR WHICH INCOME WAS RECEIVED  |  |
| Salary Spouse's or registered domestic partner's income (For self-employed use Schedule A-2.)  Partnership (Less than 10% ownership. For 10% or greater use                      | Salary Spouse's or registered domestic partner's income (For self-employed use Schedule A-2.)  Partnership (Less than 10% ownership. For 10% or greater use   |  |
| Schedule A-2.)  Sale of  | Schedule A-2.)  Sale of   |  |
| (Describe) Other(Describe)   | (Describe)  Other(Describe)   |  |
| a retail installment or credit card transaction, made to members of the public without regard to your office regular course of business must be disclosed as fol NAME OF LENDER* | rcial lending institution, or any indebtedness created as part of<br>in the lender's regular course of business on terms available<br>icial status. Personal loans and loans received not in a lender |  |
| ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)  BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF LENDER  | SECURITY FOR LOAN  None Personal residence  |  |
| HIGHEST BALANCE DURING REPORTING PERIOD  | . Real PropertyStreet address   |  |
| \$500 - \$1,000<br>\$1,001 - \$10,000<br>\$10,001 - \$100,000  | City  Guarantor   |  |
| OVER \$100,000   | Other(Describe)   |  |
| Comments:  | , <i>,</i>  |  |

#### Instructions – Schedule C Income, Loans, & Business Positions (Income Other Than Gifts and Travel Payments)

#### **Reporting Income:**

Report the source and amount of gross income of \$500 or more you received during the reporting period. Gross income is the total amount of income before deducting expenses, losses, or taxes and includes loans other than loans from a commercial lending institution. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 11.) You must also report the source of income to your spouse or registered domestic partner if your community property share was \$500 or more during the reporting period.

The source and income must be reported only if the source is located in, doing business in, planning to do business in, or has done business during the previous two years in your agency's jurisdiction. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 13.) Reportable sources of income may be further limited by your disclosure category located in your agency's conflict of interest code.

#### **Reporting Business Positions:**

You must report your job title with each reportable business entity even if you received no income during the reporting period. Use the comments section to indicate that no income was received.

#### Commonly reportable income and loans include:

- Salary/wages, per diem, and reimbursement for expenses including travel payments provided by your employer
- Community property interest (50%) in your spouse's or registered domestic partner's income - report the employer's name and all other required information
- Income from investment interests, such as partnerships, reported on Schedule A-1
- Commission income not required to be reported on Schedule A-2 (See Reference Pamphlet, page 8.)
- Gross income from any sale, including the sale of a house or car (Report your pro rata share of the total sale price.)
- · Rental income not required to be reported on Schedule B
- Prizes or awards not disclosed as gifts
- Payments received on loans you made to others
- An honorarium received prior to becoming a public official (See Reference Pamphlet, page 10.)
- Incentive compensation (See Reference Pamphlet, page 12.)

#### Reminders

- Code filers your disclosure categories may not require disclosure of all sources of income.
- If you or your spouse or registered domestic partner are self-employed, report the business entity on Schedule A-2.
- Do not disclose on Schedule C income, loans, or business positions already reported on Schedules A-2 or B.

#### You are not required to report:

- Salary, reimbursement for expenses or per diem, or social security, disability, or other similar benefit payments received by you or your spouse or registered domestic partner from a federal, state, or local government agency.
- Stock dividends and income from the sale of stock unless the source can be identified.
- Income from a PERS retirement account.

(See Reference Pamphlet, page 12.)

#### To Complete Schedule C:

#### Part 1. Income Received/Business Position Disclosure

- Disclose the name and address of each source of income or each business entity with which you held a business position.
- Provide a general description of the business activity if the source is a business entity.
- Check the box indicating the amount of gross income received.
- Identify the consideration for which the income was received.
- For income from commission sales, check the box indicating the gross income received and list the name of each source of commission income of \$10,000 or more. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 8.) Note: If you receive commission income on a regular basis or have an ownership interest of 10% or more, you must disclose the business entity and the income on Schedule A-2.
- Disclose the job title or business position, if any, that you held with the business entity, even if you did not receive income during the reporting period.

### Part 2. Loans Received or Outstanding During the Reporting Period

- Provide the name and address of the lender.
- Provide a general description of the business activity if the lender is a business entity.
- Check the box indicating the highest balance of the loan during the reporting period.
- Disclose the interest rate and the term of the loan.
  - For variable interest rate loans, disclose the conditions of the loan (e.g., Prime + 2) or the average interest rate paid during the reporting period.
  - The term of the loan is the total number of months or years given for repayment of the loan at the time the loan was entered into.
- · Identify the security, if any, for the loan.

### SCHEDULE D Income - Gifts

| NAME OF SOURCE (Not an A    | Acronym)               | ► NAME OF SOURCE (Not an Acron   | ym)                    |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| ADDRESS (Business Address A | Acceptable)            | ADDRESS (Business Address Accept | otable)                |
| BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY   | , OF SOURCE            | BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF    | SOURCE                 |
| DATE (mm/dd/yy) VALUE       | DESCRIPTION OF GIFT(S) | DATE (mm/dd/yy) VALUE            | DESCRIPTION OF GIFT(S) |
| /\$                         |                        | /\$                              | _                      |
| /\$                         |                        | /\$                              | _                      |
| /\$                         |                        | /\$                              |                        |
| NAME OF SOURCE (Not an A    | Acronym)               | ► NAME OF SOURCE (Not an Acron   | ym)                    |
| ADDRESS (Business Address A | Acceptable)            | ADDRESS (Business Address Accep  | ptable)                |
| BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY   | , OF SOURCE            | BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF    | SOURCE                 |
| DATE (mm/dd/yy) VALUE       | DESCRIPTION OF GIFT(S) | DATE (mm/dd/yy) VALUE            | DESCRIPTION OF GIFT(S) |
| /\$                         |                        | /\$                              | _                      |
| /\$                         |                        | /\$                              |                        |
| /\$                         |                        | \$                               |                        |
| NAME OF SOURCE (Not an A    | Acronym)               | ▶ NAME OF SOURCE (Not an Acron   | ym)                    |
| ADDRESS (Business Address A | Acceptable)            | ADDRESS (Business Address Accep  | ptable)                |
| BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY   | , OF SOURCE            | BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF    | SOURCE                 |
| DATE (mm/dd/yy) VALUE       | DESCRIPTION OF GIFT(S) | DATE (mm/dd/yy) VALUE            | DESCRIPTION OF GIFT(S) |
| /\$                         |                        | \$                               |                        |
| /\$                         |                        | /\$                              |                        |
| /\$                         |                        | \$                               |                        |
|                             |                        |                                  |                        |
| Comments:                   |                        |                                  |                        |

#### Instructions – Schedule D Income – Gifts

A gift is anything of value for which you have not provided equal or greater consideration to the donor. A gift is reportable if its fair market value is \$50 or more. In addition, multiple gifts totaling \$50 or more received during the reporting period from a single source must be reported.

It is the acceptance of a gift, not the ultimate use to which it is put, that imposes your reporting obligation. Except as noted below, you must report a gift even if you never used it or if you gave it away to another person.

If the exact amount of a gift is unknown, you must make a good faith estimate of the item's fair market value. Listing the value of a gift as "over \$50" or "value unknown" is not adequate disclosure. In addition, if you received a gift through an intermediary, you must disclose the name, address, and business activity of both the donor and the intermediary. You may indicate an intermediary either in the "source" field after the name or in the "comments" section at the bottom of Schedule D.

#### Commonly reportable gifts include:

- Tickets/passes to sporting or entertainment events
- · Tickets/passes to amusement parks
- Parking passes not used for official agency business
- Food, beverages, and accommodations, including those provided in direct connection with your attendance at a convention, conference, meeting, social event, meal, or like gathering
- Rebates/discounts not made in the regular course of business to members of the public without regard to official status
- Wedding gifts (See Reference Pamphlet, page 16)
- An honorarium received prior to assuming office (You may report an honorarium as income on Schedule C, rather than as a gift on Schedule D, if you provided services of equal or greater value than the payment received. See Reference Pamphlet, page 10.)
- Transportation and lodging (See Schedule E.)
- · Forgiveness of a loan received by you

#### Reminders

- Gifts from a single source are subject to a \$520 limit in 2021. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 10.)
- Code filers you only need to report gifts from reportable sources.

#### **Gift Tracking Mobile Application**

 FPPC has created a gift tracking app for mobile devices that helps filers track gifts and provides a quick and easy way to upload the information to the Form 700. Visit FPPC's website to download the app.

#### You are not required to disclose:

- Gifts that were not used and that, within 30 days after receipt, were returned to the donor or delivered to a charitable organization or government agency without being claimed by you as a charitable contribution for tax purposes
- Gifts from your spouse or registered domestic partner, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, and certain other family members (See Regulation 18942 for a complete list.). The exception does not apply if the donor was acting as an agent or intermediary for a reportable source who was the true donor.
- Gifts of similar value exchanged between you and an individual, other than a lobbyist registered to lobby your state agency, on holidays, birthdays, or similar occasions
- Gifts of informational material provided to assist you in the performance of your official duties (e.g., books, pamphlets, reports, calendars, periodicals, or educational seminars)
- A monetary bequest or inheritance (However, inherited investments or real property may be reportable on other schedules.)
- Personalized plaques or trophies with an individual value of less than \$250
- Campaign contributions
- Up to two tickets, for your own use, to attend a fundraiser for a campaign committee or candidate, or to a fundraiser for an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The ticket must be received from the organization or committee holding the fundraiser.
- Gifts given to members of your immediate family if the source has an established relationship with the family member and there is no evidence to suggest the donor had a purpose to influence you. (See Regulation 18943.)
- Free admission, food, and nominal items (such as a pen, pencil, mouse pad, note pad or similar item) available to all attendees, at the event at which the official makes a speech (as defined in Regulation 18950(b)(2)), so long as the admission is provided by the person who organizes the event.
- Any other payment not identified above, that would otherwise meet the definition of gift, where the payment is made by an individual who is not a lobbyist registered to lobby the official's state agency, where it is clear that the gift was made because of an existing personal or business relationship unrelated to the official's position and there is no evidence whatsoever at the time the gift is made to suggest the donor had a purpose to influence you.

#### To Complete Schedule D:

- Disclose the full name (not an acronym), address, and, if a business entity, the business activity of the source.
- Provide the date (month, day, and year) of receipt, and disclose the fair market value and description of the gift.

## SCHEDULE E Income – Gifts Travel Payments, Advances, and Reimbursements

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| Name  |

- Mark either the gift or income box.
- Mark the "501(c)(3)" box for a travel payment received from a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization or the "Speech" box if you made a speech or participated in a panel. Per Government Code Section 89506, these payments may not be subject to the gift limit. However, they may result in a disqualifying conflict of interest.
- For gifts of travel, provide the travel destination.

| ► NAME OF SOURCE (Not an Acronym)                           | ► NAME OF SOURCE (Not an Acronym)                           |
|---|---|
| ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)                       | ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)                       |
| CITY AND STATE  | CITY AND STATE  |
| 501 (c)(3) or DESCRIBE BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE | 501 (c)(3) or DESCRIBE BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE |
| DATE(S)://  | DATE(S):// AMT: \$  |
| MUST CHECK ONE: Gift -or- Income                            | ► MUST CHECK ONE: Gift -or- Income                          |
| Made a Speech/Participated in a Panel                       | Made a Speech/Participated in a Panel                       |
| Other - Provide Description                                 | Other - Provide Description                                 |
| If Gift, Provide Travel Destination                         | ► If Gift, Provide Travel Destination                       |
| NAME OF SOURCE (Not an Acronym)                             | ► NAME OF SOURCE (Not an Acronym)                           |
| ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)                       | ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)                       |
| CITY AND STATE  | CITY AND STATE  |
| 501 (c)(3) or DESCRIBE BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE | 501 (c)(3) or DESCRIBE BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE |
| DATE(S):// AMT: \$  | DATE(S):///   |
| MUST CHECK ONE: Gift -or- Income                            | ► MUST CHECK ONE: Gift -or- Income                          |
| Made a Speech/Participated in a Panel                       | Made a Speech/Participated in a Panel                       |
| Other - Provide Description                                 | Other - Provide Description                                 |
| If Gift, Provide Travel Destination                         | ► If Gift, Provide Travel Destination                       |
| Comments:   |   |

#### Instructions – Schedule E Travel Payments, Advances, and Reimbursements

Travel payments reportable on Schedule E include advances and reimbursements for travel and related expenses, including lodging and meals.

Gifts of travel may be subject to the gift limit. In addition, certain travel payments are reportable gifts, but are not subject to the gift limit. To avoid possible misinterpretation or the perception that you have received a gift in excess of the gift limit, you may wish to provide a specific description of the purpose of your travel. (See the FPPC fact sheet entitled "Limitations and Restrictions on Gifts, Honoraria, Travel, and Loans" to read about travel payments under section 89506(a).)

#### You are not required to disclose:

- Travel payments received from any state, local, or federal government agency for which you provided services equal or greater in value than the payments received, such as reimbursement for travel on agency business from your government agency employer.
- A payment for travel from another local, state, or federal government agency and related per diem expenses when the travel is for education, training or other inter-agency programs or purposes.
- Travel payments received from your employer in the normal course of your employment that are included in the income reported on Schedule C.
- A travel payment that was received from a nonprofit entity exempt from taxation under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) for which you provided equal or greater consideration, such as reimbursement for travel on business for a 501(c)(3) organization for which you are a board member.

Note: Certain travel payments may not be reportable if reported via email on Form 801 by your agency.

#### To Complete Schedule E:

- Disclose the full name (not an acronym) and address of the source of the travel payment.
- Identify the business activity if the source is a business entity.
- Check the box to identify the payment as a gift or income, report the amount, and disclose the date(s).
  - Travel payments are gifts if you did not provide services that were equal to or greater in value than the payments received. You must disclose gifts totaling \$50 or more from a single source during the period covered by the statement.

When reporting travel payments that are gifts, you must provide a description of the gift, the **date(s)** received, and the **travel destination**.

 Travel payments are income if you provided services that were equal to or greater in value than the payments received. You must disclose income totaling \$500 or more from a single source during the period covered by the statement. You have the burden of proving the payments are income rather than gifts. When reporting travel payments as income, you must describe the services you provided in exchange for the payment. You are not required to disclose the date(s) for travel payments that are income.

#### **Example:**

City council member MaryClaire Chandler is the chair of a 501(c)(6) trade association, and the association pays for her travel to attend its meetings. Because MaryClaire is deemed

to be providing equal or greater consideration for the travel payment by virtue of serving on the board, this payment may be reported as income. Payments for MaryClaire to attend other events for which she is not providing services are likely considered gifts. Note that the same payment from a



501(c)(3) would NOT be reportable.

#### Example:

Mayor Kim travels to China on a trip organized by China Silicon Valley Business Development, a California nonprofit, 501(c)(6) organization. The Chengdu Municipal People's Government pays for Mayor Kim's airfare and travel costs.

as well as his meals and lodging during the trip. The trip's agenda shows that the trip's purpose is to promote job creation and economic activity in China and in Silicon Valley, so the trip is reasonably related to a governmental purpose. Thus, Mayor Kim must report the gift of travel.

| i Mili s alliale and liavel costs,                                  |
|---|
| ► NAME OF SOURCE (Not an Acronym)                                   |
| Chengdu Municipal People's Government                               |
| ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)                               |
| 2 Caoshi St, CaoShiJie, Qingyang Qu, Chengdu Shi,                   |
| CITY AND STATE  |
| Sichuan Sheng, China, 610000  |
| 501 (c)(3) or DESCRIBE BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE         |
| DATE(S): 09 / 04 / XX _ 09 / 08 / XX AMT: \$ 3,874.38               |
| (If gift)   |
| ► MUST CHECK ONE: X Gift -or- Income                                |
| Made a Speech/Participated in a Panel                               |
| Other - Provide Description Travel reimbursement for trip to China. |
| ▶ If Gift, Provide Travel Destination                               |
|   |

but the gift is exempt from the gift limit. In this case, the travel payments are not subject to the gift limit because the source is a foreign government and because the travel is reasonably related to a governmental purpose. (Section 89506(a)(2).) Note that Mayor Kim could be disqualified from participating in or making decisions about The Chengdu Municipal People's Government for 12 months. Also note that if China Silicon Valley Business Development (a 501(c)(6) organization) paid for the travel costs rather than the governmental organization, the payments would be subject to the gift limits. (See the FPPC fact sheet, Limitations and Restrictions on Gifts, Honoraria, Travel and Loans, at www.fppc.ca.gov.)

#### **Restrictions and Prohibitions**

The Political Reform Act (Gov. Code Sections 81000-91014) requires most state and local government officials and employees to publicly disclose their economic interests including personal assets and income. The Act's conflict of interest provisions also disqualify a public official from taking part in a governmental decision if it is reasonably foreseeable that the decision will have a material financial effect on these economic interests as well as the official's personal finances and those of immediate family. (Gov. Code Sections 87100 and 87103.) The Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) is the state agency responsible for issuing the attached Statement of Economic Interests, Form 700, and for interpreting the Act's provisions.

#### **Gift Prohibition**

Gifts received by most state and local officials, employees, and candidates are subject to a limit. In 2021-2022, the gift limit increased to \$520 from a single source during a calendar year. In 2019 and 2020, the gift limit was \$500 from a single source during a calendar year.

Additionally, state officials, state candidates, and certain state employees are subject to a \$10 limit per calendar month on gifts from lobbyists and lobbying firms registered with the Secretary of State. See Reference Pamphlet, page 10.

State and local officials and employees should check with their agency to determine if other restrictions apply.

#### Disqualification

Public officials are, under certain circumstances, required to disqualify themselves from making, participating in, or attempting to influence governmental decisions that will affect their economic interests. This may include interests they are not required to disclose. For example, a personal residence is often not reportable, but may be grounds for disqualification. Specific disqualification requirements apply to 87200 filers (e.g., city councilmembers, members of boards of supervisors, planning commissioners, etc.). These officials must publicly identify the economic interest that creates a conflict of interest and leave the room before a discussion or vote takes place at a public meeting. For more information, consult Government Code Section 87105, Regulation 18707, and the Guide to Recognizing Conflicts of Interest page at www.fppc.ca.gov.

#### **Honorarium Ban**

Most state and local officials, employees, and candidates are prohibited from accepting an honorarium for any speech given, article published, or attendance at a conference, convention, meeting, or like gathering. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 10.)

#### **Loan Restrictions**

Certain state and local officials are subject to restrictions on loans. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 14.)

#### **Post-Governmental Employment**

There are restrictions on representing clients or employers before former agencies. The provisions apply to elected state officials, most state employees, local elected officials, county chief administrative officers, city managers, including the chief administrator of a city, and general managers or chief administrators of local special districts and JPAs. The FPPC website has fact sheets explaining the provisions.

#### Late Filing

The filing officer who retains originally-signed or electronically filed statements of economic interests may impose on an individual a fine for any statement that is filed late. The fine is \$10 per day up to a maximum of \$100. Late filing penalties may be reduced or waived under certain circumstances.

Persons who fail to timely file their Form 700 may be referred to the FPPC's Enforcement Division (and, in some cases, to the Attorney General or district attorney) for investigation and possible prosecution. In addition to the late filing penalties, a fine of up to \$5,000 per violation may be imposed.

**For assistance** concerning reporting, prohibitions, and restrictions under the Act:

- Email questions to advice@fppc.ca.gov.
- Call the FPPC toll-free at (866) 275-3772.

### Form 700 is a Public Document Public Access Must Be Provided

Statements of Economic Interests are public documents. The filing officer must permit any member of the public to inspect and receive a copy of any statement.

- Statements must be available as soon as possible during the agency's regular business hours, but in any event not later than the second business day after the statement is received. Access to the Form 700 is not subject to the Public Records Act procedures.
- No conditions may be placed on persons seeking access to the forms.
- No information or identification may be required from persons seeking access.
- Reproduction fees of no more than 10 cents per page may be charged.

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## Who Must File

 Officials and Candidates Specified in Gov. Code Section 87200 and Members of Boards and Commissions of Newly Created Agencies

The Act requires the following individuals to fully disclose their personal assets and income described in Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests:

#### State Offices

- Governor
- Lieutenant Governor
- · Attorney General
- Controller
- · Insurance Commissioner
- Secretary of State
- Treasurer
- Members of the State Legislature
- · Superintendent of Public Instruction
- State Board of Equalization Members
- Public Utilities Commissioners
- State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commissioners
- · State Coastal Commissioners
- Fair Political Practices Commissioners
- State public officials (including employees and consultants) who manage public investments
- Elected members of and candidates for the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System
- Elected members of and candidates for the Teachers' Retirement Board
- · Members of the High Speed Rail Authority

Other officials and employees of state boards, commissions, agencies, and departments file Form 700 as described in Part 2 on this page.

#### **Judicial Offices**

- Supreme, Appellate, and Superior Court Judges
- · Court Commissioners
- Retired Judges, Pro-Tem Judges, and part-time Court Commissioners who serve or expect to serve 30 days or more in a calendar year

#### County and City Offices

- · Members of Boards of Supervisors
- · Mayors and Members of City Councils
- Chief Administrative Officers
- District Attorneys
- · County Counsels
- City Attorneys
- · City Managers
- Planning Commissioners
- · County and City Treasurers
- County and city public officials (including employees and consultants) who manage public investments

Members of Newly Created Boards and Commissions
Generally, such a member must file an assuming office
statement within 30 days as well as subsequent statements
until the member's position is designated in a conflict of
interest code. See Regulation 18754.

2. State and Local Officials, Employees, Candidates, and Consultants Designated in a Conflict of Interest Code ("Code Filers")

The Act requires every state and local government agency to adopt a unique conflict of interest code. The code lists each position within the agency filled by individuals who make or participate in making governmental decisions that could affect their personal economic interests.

The code requires individuals holding those positions to periodically file Form 700 disclosing certain personal economic interests as determined by the code's "disclosure categories." These individuals are called "designated employees" or "code filers."

Obtain your disclosure categories from your agency – they are not contained in the Form 700. Persons with broad decisionmaking authority must disclose more interests than those in positions with limited discretion. For example, you may be required to disclose only investments and business positions in or income (including loans, gifts, and travel payments) from businesses of the type that contract with your agency, or you may not be required to disclose real property interests.

In addition, certain consultants to public agencies may qualify as public officials because they make, participate in making, or act in a staff capacity for governmental decisions. Agencies determine who is a consultant and the level of disclosure and may use Form 805.

Note: An official who holds a position specified in Gov. Code Section 87200 is not required to file statements under the conflict of interest code of any agency that has the same or a smaller jurisdiction (for example, a state legislator who also sits on a state or local board or commission).

Employees in Newly Created Positions of Existing Agencies An individual hired for a position not yet covered under an agency's conflict of interest code must file Form 700 if the individual serves in a position that makes or participates in making governmental decisions. These individuals must file under the agency's broadest disclosure category until the code is amended to include the new position unless the agency has provided in writing a limited disclosure requirement. The Form 804 may be used to satisfy this requirement.

# Types of Form 700 Filings

#### **Assuming Office Statement:**

If you are a newly appointed official or are newly employed in a position designated, or that will be designated, in a state or local agency's conflict of interest code, your assuming office date is the date you were sworn in or otherwise authorized to serve in the position. If you are a newly elected official, your assuming office date is the date you were sworn in.

 Report: Investments, interests in real property, and business positions held on the date you assumed the office or position must be reported. In addition, income (including loans, gifts, and travel payments) received during the 12 months prior to the date you assumed the office or position.

For positions subject to confirmation by the State Senate or the Commission on Judicial Appointments, your assuming office date is the date you were appointed or nominated to the position.

Example: Maria Lopez was nominated by the Governor
to serve on a state agency board that is subject to state
Senate confirmation. The assuming office date is the
date Maria's nomination is submitted to the Senate.
Maria must report investments, interests in real
property, and business positions she holds on that date,
and income (including loans, gifts, and travel payments)
received during the 12 months prior to that date.

If your office or position has been added to a newly adopted or newly amended conflict of interest code, use the effective date of the code or amendment, whichever is applicable.

 Report: Investments, interests in real property, and business positions held on the effective date of the code or amendment must be reported. In addition, income (including loans, gifts, and travel payments) received during the 12 months prior to the effective date of the code or amendment.

#### **Annual Statement:**

Generally, the period covered is January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. If the period covered by the statement is different than January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, (for example, you assumed office between October 1, 2020, and December 31, 2020 or you are combining statements), you must specify the period covered.

 Investments, interests in real property, business positions held, and income (including loans, gifts, and travel payments) received during the period covered by the statement must be reported. Do not change the preprinted dates on Schedules A-1, A-2, and B unless you are required to report the acquisition or disposition of an interest that did not occur in 2021.  If your disclosure category changes during a reporting period, disclose under the old category until the effective date of the conflict of interest code amendment and disclose under the new disclosure category through the end of the reporting period.

#### **Leaving Office Statement:**

Generally, the period covered is January 1, 2021, through the date you stopped performing the duties of your position. If the period covered differs from January 1, 2021, through the date you stopped performing the duties of your position (for example, you assumed office between October 1, 2020, and December 31, 2020, or you are combining statements), the period covered must be specified. The reporting period can cover parts of two calendar years.

 Report: Investments, interests in real property, business positions held, and income (including loans, gifts, and travel payments) received during the period covered by the statement. Do not change the preprinted dates on Schedules A-1, A-2, and B unless you are required to report the acquisition or disposition of an interest that did not occur in 2021.

#### **Candidate Statement:**

If you are filing a statement in connection with your candidacy for state or local office, investments, interests in real property, and business positions held on the date of filing your declaration of candidacy must be reported. In addition, income (including loans, gifts, and travel payments) received during the 12 months <u>prior to</u> the date of filing your declaration of candidacy is reportable. Do not change the preprinted dates on Schedules A-1, A-2, and B.

Candidates running for local elective offices (e.g., county sheriffs, city clerks, school board trustees, or water district board members) must file candidate statements, as required by the conflict of interest code for the elected position. The code may be obtained from the agency of the elected position.

#### **Amendments:**

If you discover errors or omissions on any statement, file an amendment as soon as possible. You are only required to amend the schedule that needs to be revised; it is not necessary to refile the entire form. Obtain amendment schedules from the FPPC website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

## Where to File

# 1. Officials Specified in Gov. Code Section 87200 (See Reference Pamphlet, page 3):

In most cases, the filing officials listed below will retain a copy of your statement and forward the original to the FPPC.

| Filers  | Where to File  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| 87200 Filers  |  |  |  |
| State offices   | Your agency  |  |  |
| Judicial offices  | The clerk of your court  |  |  |
| Retired Judges  | Directly with FPPC   |  |  |
| County offices  | Your county filing official  |  |  |
| City offices  | Your city clerk  |  |  |
| Multi-County offices                                      | Your agency  |  |  |
| 87200 Candidates  |  |  |  |
| State offices<br>Judicial offices<br>Multi-County offices | County elections official with whom you file your declaration of candidacy |  |  |
| County offices  | County elections official  |  |  |
| City offices  | City Clerk   |  |  |
| Public Employees'<br>Retirement System<br>(CalPERS)       | CalPERS  |  |  |
| State Teachers' Retirement Board (CalSTRS)                | CalSTRS  |  |  |

**Note:** Individuals that invest public funds for a city or county agency must file Form 700 with the agency. Unlike most other 87200 filers, the original statement will **not** be forwarded to the FPPC pursuant to Regulation 18753.

#### Code Filers — State and Local Officials, Employees, Candidates, and Consultants Designated in a Conflict of interest Code:

File with your agency, board, or commission unless otherwise specified in your agency's conflict of interest code. In most cases, the agency, board, or commission will retain the statements.

Candidates for local elective offices designated in a conflict of interest code file with the elections office where the declaration of candidacy or other nomination documents are filed.

# 3. Members of Newly Created Boards and Commissions:

File with your agency or with your agency's code reviewing body. See Regulation 18754.

State Senate and Assembly staff members file statements directly with the FPPC.

#### **Exceptions:**

- Elected state officers are not required to file statements under any agency's conflict of interest code.
- Filers listed in Section 87200 are not required to file statements under any agency's conflict of interest code in the same jurisdiction. For example, a county supervisor who is appointed to serve in an agency with jurisdiction in the same county has no additional filing obligations.

# 4. Positions Not Yet Covered Under a Conflict of interest Code

An individual hired for a position not yet covered under an agency's conflict of interest code must file Form 700 if the individual serves in a position that makes or participates in making governmental decisions. These individuals must file under the broadest disclosure category until the code is amended to include the new position unless the agency has provided in writing a limited disclosure requirement. Agencies may use FPPC Form 804 for this disclosure. Such individuals are referred to as "code filers." See Regulation 18734.

# When to File

#### **Assuming Office Statements:**

| Filer  | Deadline   |  |
|--|--|--|
| Elected officials  | <b>30 days</b> after assuming office   |  |
| Appointed positions specified in Gov. Code Section 87200   | 30 days after assuming office  |  |
| <u>or</u>  | <u>or</u>  |  |
| Members of newly created boards and commissions not covered by a conflict of interest code   | 10 days after appointment or nomination if subject to Senate or judicial confirmation                            |  |
| Other appointed positions<br>(including those held by newly-<br>hired employees) that are or<br>will be designated in a conflict<br>of interest code | <b>30 days</b> after assuming office (30 days after appointment or nomination if subject to Senate confirmation) |  |
| Positions newly added to a new or amended conflict of interest code  | 30 days after the effective date of the code or code amendment   |  |

#### Exceptions:

- Elected state officers who assume office in December or January are not required to file an assuming office statement, but will file the next annual statement due.
- If you complete a term of office and, within 30 days, begin a new term of the same office (for example, you are reelected or reappointed), you are not required to file an assuming office statement. Instead, you will simply file the next annual statement due.
- If you leave an office specified in Gov. Code Section 87200 and, within 45 days, you assume another office or position specified in Section 87200 that has the same jurisdiction (for example, a city planning commissioner elected as mayor), you are not required to file an assuming office statement. Instead, you will simply file the next annual statement due.
- If you transfer from one designated position to another designated position within the same agency, contact your filing officer or the FPPC to determine your filing obligations.
- If a due date falls on a weekend or an official state holiday, the due date is the next regular business day.

#### **Annual Statements:**

 Elected state officers (including members of the state legislature, members elected to the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System and members elected to the Teachers' Retirement Board);

Judges and court commissioners; and

Members of state boards and commissions specified in Gov. Code Section 87200:

File no later than Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

2. County and city officials specified in Gov. Code Section 87200:

File no later than Friday, April 1, 2022.

Multi-County officials:

File no later than Friday, April 1, 2022.

4. State and local officials and employees designated in a conflict of interest code:

File on the date prescribed in the code (April 1 for most filers).

#### Exception:

If you assumed office between October 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021, and filed an assuming office statement, you are not required to file an annual statement until March 1, 2023, or April 1, 2023, whichever is applicable. The annual statement will cover the day after you assumed office through December 31, 2022.

Incumbent officeholders who file candidate statements also must file annual statements by the specified deadlines.

Late statements are subject to a late fine of \$10 per day per position up to \$100 for each day the statement is late.

## When to File - (continued)

#### **Leaving Office Statements:**

Leaving office statements must be filed no later than 30 days after leaving the office or position.

#### Exceptions:

- If you complete a term of office and, within 30 days, begin a new term of the same office (for example, you are reelected or reappointed), you are not required to file a leaving office statement. Instead, you will simply file the next annual statement due.
- If you leave an office specified in Gov. Code Section 87200 and, within 45 days, you assume another office or position specified in Section 87200 that has the same jurisdiction (for example, a city planning commissioner elected as mayor), you are not required to file a leaving office statement. Instead, you will simply file the next annual statement due.
- If you transfer from one designated position to another designated position within the same agency, contact your filing officer or the FPPC to determine your filing obligations.

#### **Candidate Statements:**

All candidates (including incumbents) for offices specified in Gov. Code Section 87200 must file statements no later than the final filing date for their declaration of candidacy.

Candidates seeking a position designated in a conflict of interest code must file no later than the final filing date for the declaration of candidacy or other nomination documents.

#### Exception:

A candidate statement is not required if you filed an assuming office or annual statement for the same jurisdiction **within 60 days** before filing a declaration of candidacy or other nomination documents.

#### Late Statements:

Late statements should be submitted as soon as possible after the filing deadline, in the same manner and place as a timely filed statement.

The filing officer who retains originally-signed or electronically filed statements of economic interests may impose on an individual a fine for any statement that is filed late. The fine is \$10 per day up to a maximum of \$100. Late filing penalties may be reduced or waived under certain circumstances.

Persons who fail to timely file their Form 700 may be referred to the FPPC's Enforcement Division (and, in some cases, to the Attorney General or District Attorney) for investigation and possible prosecution. In addition to the late filing penalties from the filing officer, a fine of up to \$5,000 per violation may be imposed.

## **Terms & Definitions**

The instructions located on the back of each schedule describe the types of interests that must be reported. The purpose of this section is to explain other terms used in Form 700 that are not defined in the instructions to the schedules or elsewhere.

Blind Trust: See Trusts, Reference Pamphlet, page 16.

**Business Entity**: Any organization or enterprise operated for profit, including a proprietorship, partnership, firm, business trust, joint venture, syndicate, corporation, or association. This would include a business for which you take business deductions for tax purposes (for example, a small business operated in your home).

**Code Filer:** An individual who has been designated in a state or local agency's conflict of interest code to file statements of economic interests.

An individual hired on or after January 1, 2021 for a position not yet covered under an agency's conflict of interest code must file Form 700 if the individual serves in a position that makes or participates in making governmental decisions. These individuals must file under the broadest disclosure category until the code is amended to include the new position unless the agency has provided in writing a limited disclosure requirement. Agencies may use FPPC Form 804 for such disclosure. See Regulation 18734.

Commission Income: "Commission income" means gross payments of \$500 or more received during the period covered by the statement as a broker, agent, or salesperson, including insurance brokers or agents, real estate brokers or agents, travel agents or salespersons, stockbrokers, and retail or wholesale salespersons, among others.

In addition, you may be required to disclose the names of sources of commission income if your pro rata share of the gross income was \$10,000 or more from a single source during the reporting period. If your spouse or registered domestic partner received commission income, you would disclose your community property share (50%) of that income (that is, the names of sources of \$20,000 or more in gross commission income received by your spouse or registered domestic partner).

Report commission income as follows:

- If the income was received through a business entity in which you and your spouse or registered domestic partner had a 10% or greater ownership interest (or if you receive commission income on a regular basis as an independent contractor or agent), use Schedule A-2.
- If the income was received through a business entity in which you or your spouse or registered domestic partner did not receive commission income on a regular basis or you had a less than 10% ownership interest, use Schedule C.

The "source" of commission income generally includes all parties to a transaction, and each is attributed the full value of the commission.

#### Examples:

- You are a partner in Jameson and Mulligan Insurance Company and have a 50% ownership interest in the company. You sold two Businessmen's Insurance Company policies to XYZ Company during the reporting period. You received commission income of \$5,000 from the first transaction and \$6,000 from the second. On Schedule A-2, report your partnership interest in and income received from Jameson and Mulligan Insurance Company in Parts 1 and 2. In Part 3, list both Businessmen's Insurance Company and XYZ Company as sources of \$10,000 or more in commission income.
- You are a stockbroker for Prince Investments, but you have no ownership interest in the firm. You receive commission income on a regular basis through the sale of stock to clients. Your total gross income from your employment with Prince Investments was over \$100,000 during the reporting period. On Schedule A-2, report your name as the name of the business entity in Part 1 and the gross income you have received in Part 2. (Because you are an employee of Prince Investments, you do not need to complete the information in the box in Part 1 indicating the general description of business activity, fair market value, or nature of investment.) In Part 3, list Prince Investments and the names of any clients who were sources of \$10,000 or more in commission income to you.
- You are a real estate agent and an independent contractor under Super Realty. On Schedule A-2, Part 1, in addition to your name or business name, complete the business entity description box. In Part 2, identify your gross income. In Part 3, for each transaction that resulted in commission income to you of \$10,000 or more, you must identify the brokerage entity, each person you represented, and any person who received a finder's or other referral fee for referring a party to the transaction to the broker.

Note: If your pro rata share of commission income from a single source is \$500 or more, you may be required to disqualify yourself from decisions affecting that source of income, even though you are not required to report the income. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 12.)

**Conflict of Interest:** A public official or employee has a conflict of interest under the Act when all of the following occur:

- The official makes, participates in making, or uses their official position to influence a governmental decision;
- It is reasonably foreseeable that the decision will affect the official's economic interest;
- The effect of the decision on the official's economic interest will be material; and
- The effect of the decision on the official's economic interest will be different than its effect on the public generally.

**Conflict of Interest Code:** The Act requires every state and local government agency to adopt a conflict of interest code. The code may be contained in a regulation, policy statement, or a city or county ordinance, resolution, or other document.

An agency's conflict of interest code must designate all officials and employees of, and consultants to, the agency who make or participate in making governmental decisions that could cause conflicts of interest. These individuals are required by the code to file statements of economic interests and to disqualify themselves when conflicts of interest occur.

The disclosure required under a conflict of interest code for a particular designated official or employee should include only the kinds of personal economic interests they could significantly affect through the exercise of their official duties. For example, an employee whose duties are limited to reviewing contracts for supplies, equipment, materials, or services provided to the agency should be required to report only those interests they hold that are likely to be affected by the agency's contracts for supplies, equipment, materials, or services.

Consultant: An individual who contracts with or whose employer contracts with state or local government agencies and who makes, participates in making, or acts in a staff capacity for making governmental decisions. The agency determines who is a consultant. Consultants may be required to file Form 700. Such consultants would file under full disclosure unless the agency provides in writing a limited disclosure requirement. Agencies may use FPPC Form 805 to assign such disclosure. The obligation to file Form 700 is always imposed on the individual who is providing services to the agency, not on the business or firm that employs the individual.

FPPC Regulation 18700.3 defines "consultant" as an individual who makes a governmental decision whether to:

- · Approve a rate, rule, or regulation
- Adopt or enforce a law
- Issue, deny, suspend, or revoke any permit, license, application, certificate, approval, order, or similar authorization or entitlement
- Authorize the agency to enter into, modify, or renew a contract provided it is the type of contract that requires agency approval
- Grant agency approval to a contract that requires agency approval and to which the agency is a party, or to the specifications for such a contract
- Grant agency approval to a plan, design, report, study, or similar item
- Adopt, or grant agency approval of, policies, standards, or guidelines for the agency or for any of its subdivisions

A consultant also is an individual who serves in a staff capacity with the agency and:

- participates in making a governmental decision; or
- performs the same or substantially all the same duties for the agency that would otherwise be performed by an individual holding a position specified in the agency's conflict of interest code.

**Designated Employee:** An official or employee of a state or local government agency whose position has been designated in the agency's conflict of interest code to file statements of economic interests or whose position has not yet been listed in the code but makes or participates in making governmental decisions. Individuals who contract with government agencies (consultants) may also be designated in a conflict of interest code.

A federal officer or employee serving in an official federal capacity on a state or local government agency is not a designated employee.

**Disclosure Categories:** The section of an agency's conflict of interest code that specifies the types of personal economic interests officials and employees of the agency must disclose on their statements of economic interests. Disclosure categories are usually contained in an appendix or attachment to the conflict of interest code. Contact your agency to obtain a copy of your disclosure categories.

Diversified Mutual Fund: Diversified portfolios of stocks, bonds, or money market instruments that are managed by investment companies whose business is pooling the money of many individuals and investing it to seek a common investment goal. Mutual funds are managed by trained professionals who buy and sell securities. A typical mutual fund will own between 75 to 100 separate securities at any given time so they also provide instant diversification. Only diversified mutual funds registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Company Act of 1940 are exempt from disclosure. In addition, Regulation 18237 provides an exception from reporting other funds that are similar to diversified mutual funds. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 13.)

Elected State Officer: Elected state officers include the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Insurance Commissioner, State Controller, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, members of the State Legislature, members of the State Board of Equalization, elected members of the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System and members elected to the Teachers' Retirement Board.

**Enforcement:** The FPPC investigates suspected violations of the Act. Other law enforcement agencies (the Attorney General or district attorney) also may initiate investigations under certain circumstances. If violations are found, the Commission may initiate administrative enforcement proceedings that could result in fines of up to \$5,000 per violation.

Instead of administrative prosecution, a civil action may be brought for negligent or intentional violations by the appropriate civil prosecutor (the Commission, Attorney General, or district attorney), or a private party residing within the jurisdiction. In civil actions, the measure of damages is up to the amount or value not properly reported.

Persons who violate the conflict of interest disclosure provisions of the Act also may be subject to agency discipline, including dismissal.

Finally, a knowing or willful violation of any provision of the Act is a misdemeanor. Persons convicted of a misdemeanor may be disqualified for four years from the date of the conviction from serving as a lobbyist or running for elective office, in addition to other penalties that may be imposed. The Act also provides for numerous civil penalties, including monetary penalties and damages, and injunctive relief from the courts.

**Expanded Statement:** In some circumstances, an official or an employee who holds multiple positions subject to filing obligations (for example, a city council member who also holds a designated position with a county agency, board, or commission) may complete one expanded statement for all those positions. The expanded statement must disclose all reportable interests for all jurisdictions and list all positions for which it is filed. The rules and processes governing the filing of an expanded statement are set forth in Regulation 18723.1.

Fair Market Value: When reporting the value of an investment, interest in real property, or gift, you must disclose the fair market value – the price at which the item would sell for on the open market. This is particularly important when valuing gifts, because the fair market value of a gift may be different from the amount it cost the donor to provide the gift. For example, the wholesale cost of a bouquet of flowers may be \$10, but the fair market value may be \$25 or more. In addition, there are special rules for valuing free tickets and passes. Call or email the FPPC for assistance.

# Gift and Honoraria Prohibitions Gifts:

State and local officials who are listed in Gov. Code Section 87200 (except judges – see below), candidates for these elective offices (including judicial candidates), and officials and employees of state and local government agencies who are designated in a conflict of interest code were prohibited from accepting a gift or gifts totaling more than \$500 in a calendar year from a single source in 2019-2020. The gift limit is \$520 in 2021 and 2022.

In addition, elected <u>state</u> officers, candidates for elective <u>state</u> offices, and officials and employees of <u>state</u> agencies are subject to a \$10 per calendar month limit on gifts from lobbyists and lobbying firms registered with the Secretary of State.

#### Honoraria:

State and local officials who are listed in Gov. Code Section 87200 (except judges – see below), candidates for these elective offices (including judicial candidates), and employees of state and local government agencies who are designated in a conflict of interest code are prohibited from accepting honoraria for any speech given, article published, or attendance at any public or private conference, convention, meeting, social event, meal, or like gathering.

#### **Exceptions:**

- Some gifts are not reportable or subject to the gift and honoraria prohibitions, and other gifts may not be subject to the prohibitions, but are reportable. For detailed information, see the FPPC fact sheet entitled "Limitations and Restrictions on Gifts, Honoraria, Travel, and Loans," which can be obtained from your filing officer or the FPPC website (www.fppc.ca.gov).
- The gift limit and the honorarium prohibitions do not apply to a part-time member of the governing board of a public institution of higher education, unless the member is also an elected official.
- If you are designated in a state or local government agency's conflict of interest code, the gift limit and honorarium prohibition are applicable only to sources you would otherwise be required to report on your statement of economic interests. However, this exception is not applicable if you also hold a position listed in Gov. Code Section 87200 (See Reference Pamphlet, page 3.)
- For state agency officials and employees, the \$10 lobbyist/lobbying firm gift limit is applicable only to lobbyists and lobbying firms registered to lobby your agency. This exception is not applicable if you are an elected state officer or a member or employee of the State Legislature.
- Payments for articles published as part of the practice of a bona fide business, trade, or profession, such as teaching, are not considered honoraria. A payment for an "article published" that is customarily provided in connection with teaching includes text book royalties and payments for academic tenure review letters. An official is presumed to be engaged in the bona fide profession of teaching if they are employed to teach at an accredited university.

#### Judges:

Section 170.9 of the Code of Civil Procedure imposes gift limits on judges and prohibits judges from accepting any honorarium. Section 170.9 is enforced by the Commission on Judicial Performance. The FPPC has no authority to interpret or enforce the Code of Civil Procedure. Court commissioners are subject to the gift limit under the Political Reform Act.

**Income Reporting:** Reporting income under the Act is different than reporting income for tax purposes. The Act requires **gross** income (the amount received before deducting losses, expenses, or taxes, as well as income reinvested in a business entity) to be reported.

Pro Rata Share: The instructions for reporting income refer to your pro rata share of the income received. Your pro rata share is normally based on your ownership interest in the entity or property. For example, if you are a sole proprietor, you must disclose 100% of the gross income to the business entity on Schedule A-2. If you own 25% of a piece of rental property, you must report 25% of the gross rental income received. When reporting your community property interest in your spouse's or registered domestic partner's income, your pro rata share is 50% of their income.

<u>Separate Property Agreement:</u> Generally, a public official is required to disclose their community property share of their spouse's income. But, when a public official and their spouse have a legally separate property agreement (e.g., prenuptial agreement), the official is not required to report the spouse's community property share of income, unless the funds are commingled with community funds or used to pay for community expenses or to produce or enhance the separate income of the official.

**Note:** This reporting exception does not apply to investments and interests in real property. Even if a public official and their spouse have a separate property agreement, the spouse's investments and interests in real property must still be disclosed because the definitions of reportable investments and interests in real property include those held by the official's immediate family (spouse, registered domestic partner, and dependent children). These definitions are not dependent on community property law.

Income to a Business Entity: When you are required to report sources of income to a business entity, sources of rental income, or sources of commission income, you are only required to disclose individual sources of income of \$10,000 or more. However, you may be required to disqualify yourself from decisions affecting sources of \$500 or more in income, even though you are not required to report them.

#### Examples:

 Alice Ruiz is a partner in a business entity. She has a 25% interest. On Schedule A-2, she must disclose 25% of the fair market value of the business entity; 25% of the gross income to the business entity (even though all of the income received was reinvested in the business and she did not personally receive any income from the business); and the name of each source of \$40,000 or more to the business.

Pat and Mark Johnson, a married couple, own Classic Autos. Income to this business was \$200,000. In determining the amount to report for income on Schedule A-2, Part 2, Mark must include his 50% share (\$100,000) and 50% of his spouse's share (\$50,000). Thus, his reportable income would be \$150,000 and he will check the box indicating \$100,001-\$1,000,000. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 13, for an example of how to calculate the value of this investment and interest in real property.)

#### You are <u>not</u> required to report:

- Salary, reimbursement for expenses or per diem, social security, disability, or other similar benefit payments received by you or your spouse or registered domestic partner from a federal, state, or local government agency
- A travel payment that was received from a nonprofit entity exempt from taxation under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) for which you provided equal or greater consideration, such as reimbursement for travel on business for a 501(c)(3) organization for which you are a board member.
- · Campaign contributions
- · A cash bequest or cash inheritance
- Returns on a security registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including dividends, interest, or proceeds from a sale of stocks or bonds unless the purchaser can be identified.
- · Redemption of a mutual fund
- Payments received under an insurance policy, including an annuity
- Interest, dividends, or premiums on a time or demand deposit in a financial institution, shares in a credit union, an insurance policy, or a bond or other debt instrument issued by a government agency
- Your spouse's or registered domestic partner's income that is legally "separate" income so long as the funds are not commingled with community funds or used to pay community expenses
- · Income of dependent children
- · Automobile trade-in allowances from dealers
- Loans and loan repayments received from your spouse or registered domestic partner, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, parent-inlaw, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle, or first cousin unless they were acting as an intermediary or agent for any person not covered by this provision
- · Alimony or child support payments
- Payments received under a defined benefit pension plan qualified under Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a)

- Any loan from a commercial lending institution made in the lender's regular course of business on terms available to the public without regard to your official status
- Any retail installment or credit card debts incurred in the creditor's regular course of business on terms available to the public without regard to your official status
- Loans made to others. However, repayments may be reportable on Schedule C
- A loan you co-signed for another person unless you made payments on the loan during the reporting period

Incentive Compensation: "Incentive compensation" means income over and above salary that is either ongoing or cumulative, or both, as sales or purchases of goods or services accumulate. Incentive compensation is calculated by a predetermined formula set by the official's employer which correlates to the conduct of the purchaser in direct response to the effort of the official.

Incentive compensation does not include:

- Salary
- Commission income (For information regarding disclosure of "commission income," see Reference Pamphlet, page 8.)
- Bonuses for activity not related to sales or marketing, the amount of which is based solely on merit or hours worked over and above a predetermined minimum
- Executive incentive plans based on company performance, provided that the formula for determining the amount of the executive's incentive income does not include a correlation between that amount and increased profits derived from increased business with specific and identifiable clients or customers of the company
- Payments for personal services which are not marketing or sales

The purchaser is a source of income to the official if all three of the following apply:

- the official's employment responsibilities include directing sales or marketing activity toward the purchaser; and
- there is direct personal contact between the official and the purchaser intended by the official to generate sales or business; and
- there is a direct relationship between the purchasing activity of the purchaser and the amount of the incentive compensation received by the official.

Report incentive compensation as follows:

- In addition to salary, reimbursement of expenses, and other income received from your employer, separately report on Schedule C the name of each person who purchased products or services sold, marketed or represented by you if you received incentive compensation of \$500 or more attributable to the purchaser during the period covered by the statement.
- If incentive compensation is paid by your employer in a lump sum, without allocation of amounts to specific customers, you must determine the amount of incentive compensation attributable to each of your customers.
   This may be based on the volume of sales to those customers.

(See Regulations 18700.1 and 18728.5 for more information.)

Investment Funds: The term "investment" no longer includes certain exchange traded funds, closed-end funds, or funds held in an Internal Revenue Code qualified plan. These non-reportable investment funds (1) must be bona fide investment funds that pool money from more than 100 investors, (2) must hold securities of more than 15 issuers, and (3) cannot have a stated policy of concentrating their holdings in the same industry or business ("sector funds"). In addition, the filer may not influence or control the decision to purchase or sell the specific fund on behalf of their agency during the reporting period or influence or control the selection of any specific investment purchased or sold by the fund. (Regulation 18237)

**Investments and Interests in Real Property:** When disclosing investments on Schedules A-1 or A-2 and interests in real property on Schedules A-2 or B, you must include investments and interests in real property held by your spouse or registered domestic partner, and those held by your dependent children, as if you held them directly.

#### Examples:

- Julia Pearson, husband, and two dependent children each own \$600 in stock in General Motors. Because the total value of their holdings is \$2,400, Julia must disclose the stock as an investment on Schedule A-1.
- Pat and Mark Johnson, a married couple, jointly own Classic Autos. Mark must disclose Classic Autos as an investment on Schedule A-2. To determine the reportable value of the investment, Mark will aggregate the value of his 50% interest and Pat's 50% interest. Thus, if the total value of the business entity is \$150,000, he will check the box \$100,001 - \$1,000,000 in Part 1 of Schedule A-2. (Also see Reference Pamphlet, page 11, for an example of how to calculate reportable income.)

- The Johnsons also own the property where Classic Autos is located. To determine the reportable value of the real property, Mark will again aggregate the value of his 50% interest and Pat's 50% interest to determine the amount to report in Part 4 of Schedule A-2.
- Katie Lee rents out a room in her home. She receives \$6,000 a year in rental income. Katie will report the fair market value of the rental portion of her residence and the income received on Schedule B.

**Jurisdiction:** Report disclosable investments and sources of income (including loans, gifts, and travel payments) that are either located in or doing business in your agency's jurisdiction, are planning to do business in your agency's jurisdiction, or have done business during the previous two years in your agency's jurisdiction, and interests in real property located in your agency's jurisdiction.

A business entity is doing business in your agency's jurisdiction if the entity has business contacts on a regular or substantial basis with a person who maintains a physical presence in your jurisdiction.

Business contacts include, but are not limited to, manufacturing, distributing, selling, purchasing, or providing services or goods. Business contacts do not include marketing via the Internet, telephone, television, radio, or printed media.

The same criteria are used to determine whether an individual, organization, or other entity is doing business in your jurisdiction.

#### Exception:

Gifts are reportable regardless of the location of the donor. For example, a state agency official with full disclosure must report gifts from sources located outside of California. (Designated employees/code filers should consult their <u>disclosure categories</u> to determine if the donor of a gift is of the type that must be disclosed.)

When reporting interests in real property, if your jurisdiction is the state, you must disclose real property located within the state of California unless your agency's conflict of interest code specifies otherwise.

For local agencies, an interest in real property is located in your jurisdiction if any part of the property is located in, or within two miles of, the region, city, county, district, or other geographical area in which the agency has jurisdiction, or if the property is located within two miles of any land owned or used by the agency.

See the following explanations to determine what your jurisdiction is:

State Offices and All Courts: Your jurisdiction is the state if you are an elected state officer, a state legislator, or a candidate for one of these offices. Judges, judicial candidates, and court commissioners also have statewide jurisdiction. (*In re Baty* (1979) 5 FPPC Ops. 10) If you are an official or employee of, or a consultant to, a state board, commission, or agency, or of any court or the State Legislature, your jurisdiction is the state.

<u>County Offices</u>: Your jurisdiction is the county if you are an elected county officer, a candidate for county office, or if you are an official or employee of, or a consultant to, a county agency or any agency with jurisdiction solely within a single county.

<u>City Offices</u>: Your jurisdiction is the city if you are an elected city officer, a candidate for city office, or you are an official or employee of, or a consultant to, a city agency or any agency with jurisdiction solely within a single city.

Multi-County Offices: If you are an elected officer, candidate, official or employee of, or a consultant to a multi-county agency, your jurisdiction is the region, district, or other geographical area in which the agency has jurisdiction. (Example: A water district has jurisdiction in a portion of two counties. Members of the board are only required to report interests located or doing business in that portion of each county in which the agency has jurisdiction.)

Other (for example, school districts, special districts and <u>JPAs</u>): If you are an elected officer, candidate, official or employee of, or a consultant to an agency not covered above, your jurisdiction is the region, district, or other geographical area in which the agency has jurisdiction. See the multi-county example above.

**Leasehold Interest:** The term "interest in real property" includes leasehold interests. An interest in a lease on real property is reportable if the value of the leasehold interest is \$2,000 or more. The value of the interest is the total amount of rent owed by you during the reporting period or, for a candidate or assuming office statement, during the prior 12 months.

You are not required to disclose a leasehold interest with a value of less than \$2,000 or a month-to-month tenancy.

Loan Reporting: Filers are not required to report loans from commercial lending institutions or any indebtedness created as part of retail installment or credit card transactions that are made in the lender's regular course of business, without regard to official status, on terms available to members of the public.

Loan Restrictions: State and local elected and appointed public officials are prohibited from receiving any personal loan totaling more than \$250 from an official, employee, or consultant of their government agencies or any government agency over which the official or the official's agency has direction or control. In addition, loans of more than \$250 from any person who has a contract with the official's agency or an agency under the official's control are prohibited unless the loan is from a commercial lending institution or part of a retail installment or credit card transaction made in the regular course of business on terms available to members of the public.

State and local elected officials are also prohibited from receiving any personal loan of \$500 or more unless the loan agreement is in writing and clearly states the terms of the loan, including the parties to the loan agreement, the date, amount, and term of the loan, the date or dates when payments are due, the amount of the payments, and the interest rate on the loan.

Campaign loans and loans from family members are not subject to the \$250 and \$500 loan prohibitions.

A personal loan made to a public official that is not being repaid or is being repaid below certain amounts will become a gift to the official under certain circumstances. Contact the FPPC for further information, or see the FPPC fact sheet entitled "Limitations and Restrictions on Gifts, Honoraria, Travel, and Loans," which can be obtained from your filing officer or the FPPC website (www.fppc.ca.gov).

**Original Statement:** A statement containing either a handwritten "wet" signature or a "secure electronic signature" signed under the penalty of perjury and verified by the filer pursuant to Gov. Code Section 81004. A "secure electronic signature" means either (1) a signature submitted using an approved electronic filing system or (2) if permitted by the filing officer, a digital signature submitted via the filer's agency email address. (See Regulations 18104 and 18757.)

Privileged Information: FPPC Regulation 18740 sets out specific procedures that must be followed in order to withhold the name of a source of income. Under this regulation, you are not required to disclose on Schedule A-2, Part 3, the name of a person who paid fees or made payments to a business entity if disclosure of the name would violate a legally recognized privilege under California or Federal law. However, you must provide an explanation for nondisclosure, separately stating for each undisclosed person: the legal basis for the assertion of the privilege, facts demonstrating why the privilege is applicable, and that to the best of your knowledge you have not and will not make, participate in making, or use your official position to influence a governmental decision affecting the undisclosed person in violation of Government Code Section 87100.

This explanation may be included with, or attached to, the public official's Form 700.

We note that the name of a source of income is privileged only to a limited extent under California law. For example, a name is protected by attorney-client privilege only when facts concerning an attorney's representation of an anonymous client are not publicly known and those facts,

when coupled with disclosure of the client's identity, might expose the client to an official investigation or to civil or criminal liability. A patient's name is protected by physician-patient privilege only when disclosure of the patient's name would also reveal the nature of the treatment received by the patient. A patient's name is also protected if the disclosure of the patient's name would constitute a violation by an entity covered under the Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (also known as HIPAA).

#### **Public Officials Who Manage Public Investments:**

Individuals who invest public funds in revenue-producing programs must file Form 700. This includes individuals who direct or approve investment transactions, formulate or approve investment policies, and establish guidelines for asset allocations. FPPC Regulation 18700.3 defines "public officials who manage public investments" to include the following:

- Members of boards and commissions, including pension and retirement boards or commissions, and committees thereof, who exercise responsibility for the management of public investments;
- High-level officers and employees of public agencies who exercise primary responsibility for the management of public investments (for example, chief or principal investment officers or chief financial managers); and
- Individuals who, pursuant to a contract with a state or local government agency, perform the same or substantially all the same functions described above.

**Registered Domestic Partners:** Filers must report investments and interests in real property held by, and sources of income to, registered domestic partners. (See Regulation 18229.)

Retirement Accounts (for example, deferred compensation and individual retirement accounts (IRAs)): Assets held in retirement accounts must be disclosed if the assets are reportable items, such as common stock (investments) or real estate (interests in real property). For help in determining whether your

in real property). For help in determining whether your investments and real property are reportable, see the instructions to Schedules A-1, A-2, and B.

If your retirement account holds reportable assets, disclose only the assets held in the account, not the account

itself. You may have to contact your account manager to determine the assets contained in your account.

Schedule A-1: Report any business entity in which the value of your investment interest was \$2,000 or more during the reporting period. (Use Schedule A-2 if you have a 10% or greater ownership interest in the business entity.)

<u>Schedule B</u>: Report any piece of real property in which the value of your interest was \$2,000 or more during the reporting period.

#### Examples:

- Anaya Tiwari deposits \$500 per month into her employer's deferred compensation program. She has chosen to purchase shares in two diversified mutual funds registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Because her funds are invested solely in non-reportable mutual funds (see Schedule A-1 instructions), Anaya has no disclosure requirements with regard to the deferred compensation program.
- Earl James Jones has \$6,000 in an individual retirement account with an investment firm. The account contains stock in several companies doing business in his jurisdiction. One of his stock holdings, Misac Computers, reached a value of \$2,500 during the reporting period. The value of his investment in each of the other companies was less than \$2,000. Earl must report Misac Computers as an investment on Schedule A-1 because the value of his stock in that company was \$2,000 or more.
- Adriane Fisher has \$5,000 in a retirement fund that invests in real property located in her jurisdiction. The value of her interest in each piece of real property held in the fund was less than \$2,000 during the reporting period. Although her retirement fund holds reportable assets, she has no disclosure requirement because she did not have a \$2,000 or greater interest in any single piece of real property. If, in the future, the value of her interest in a single piece of real property reaches or

exceeds \$2,000, she will be required to disclose the real property on Schedule B for that reporting period.

**Trusts:** Investments and interests in real property held and income received by a trust (including a living trust) are reported on Schedule A-2 if you, your spouse or registered domestic partner, and your dependent children together had a 10% or greater interest in the trust and your pro rata share of a single investment or interest in real property was \$2,000 or more.

You have an interest in a trust if you are a trustor and:

- · Can revoke or terminate the trust;
- Have retained or reserved any rights to the income or principal of the trust or retained any reversionary or remainder interest; or
- Have retained any power of appointment, including the power to change the trustee or the beneficiaries.

#### Or you are a beneficiary and:

- Presently receive income (see Gov. Code Section 82030); or
- Have an irrevocable future right to receive income or principal. (See FPPC Regulation 18234 for more information.)

#### Examples:

- Sarah Murphy has set up a living trust that holds her principal residence, stock in several companies that do business in her jurisdiction, and a rental home in her agency's jurisdiction. Since Sarah is the trustor and can revoke or terminate the trust, she must disclose any stock worth \$2,000 or more and the rental home on Schedule A-2. Sarah's residence is not reportable because it is used exclusively as her personal residence.
- Chao Yee is listed as a beneficiary in his grandparents' trust. However, Chao does not presently receive income from the trust, nor does he have an irrevocable future right to receive income or principal. Therefore, Chao is not required to disclose any assets contained in his grandparents' trust.

#### **Blind Trusts:**

A blind trust is a trust managed by a disinterested trustee who has complete discretion to purchase and sell assets held by the trust. If you have a direct, indirect, or beneficial interest in a blind trust, you may not be required to disclose your pro rata share of the trust's assets or income. However, the trust must meet the standards set out in

FPPC Regulation 18235, and you must disclose reportable assets originally transferred into the blind trust and income from those original assets on Schedule A-2 until they have been disposed of by the trustee.

#### Trustees:

If you are only a trustee, you do not have a reportable interest in the trust. However, you may be required to report the income you received from the trust for performing trustee services.

Wedding Gifts: Wedding gifts must be disclosed if they were received from a reportable source during the period covered by the statement. Gifts valued at \$50 or more are reportable; however, a wedding gift is considered a gift to both spouses equally. Therefore, you would count one-half of the value of a wedding gift to determine if it is reportable and need only report individual gifts with a total value of \$100 or more.

For example, you receive a place setting of china valued at \$150 from a reportable source as a wedding gift. Because the value to you is \$50 or more, you must report the gift on Schedule D, but may state its value as \$75.

Wedding gifts are not subject to the \$520 gift limit, but they are subject to the \$10 lobbyist/lobbying firm gift limit for state officials.

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# Frequently Asked Questions: Form 700 Disclosure

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The FAQs listed below are selected from questions often asked about the Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700). Because it is not possible to address all of the unique variables and circumstances related to disclosure, individuals are encouraged to contact the FPPC with specific facts. Most officials must also consult their agency's conflict of interest code to determine their disclosure level and their reportable interests. The Form 700 is a public document. Form 700s filed by State Legislators and Judges, members of the FPPC, County Supervisors, and City Council Members are available on the FPPC's website.

#### **General Questions**

- 1. Q. Do officials have to complete all schedules of the Form 700?
  - A. Not necessarily. The majority of individuals who file the Form 700 must do so by following the rules set forth in their agency's conflict of interest code ("designated employees"). Before completing the Form 700, an official should be familiar with the disclosure category for their position. For example, since job duties differ from agency to agency and even unit to unit within the same agency, an analyst for one agency, or unit of that agency, may not have the same reporting requirements as an analyst from another agency, or even another unit of the same agency. Designated employees should obtain a copy of their agency's conflict of interest code from the agency.

Officials listed in Government Code Section 87200 (e.g., boards of supervisors, city council members, planning commissioners, elected state officials, etc.) must report investments, business positions, and sources of income, including receipt of gifts, loans, and travel payments, from sources located in or doing business in their agency's jurisdiction. All interests in real property within the agency's jurisdiction must also be reported. For local officials, real property located within two miles of the boundaries of the jurisdiction or any real property that the agency has an interest in is deemed to be "within the jurisdiction."

- 2. Q. Is it necessary to read all of the information before completing the Form 700?
  - A. Each individual must verify the Form 700's content under penalty of perjury. Therefore, every effort must be made to understand what the form requires. When necessary, you may contact the FPPC for specific guidance. You may only obtain immunity from a potential enforcement action when you receive formal written advice.
- 3. Q. Where are the Form 700s filed?
  - A. Most state and local officials file with their agency. In most instances, the agency is required to forward the originals for specified high-level officials to the FPPC. Only retired judges serving on assignment and legislative staff file the Form 700 *directly* with the FPPC.

- 4. Q. If the Form 700 is postmarked by the due date, is it considered filed on time?
  - A. Yes.
- 5. Q. If an official holds multiple positions subject to filing obligations, is a statement required for each position?
  - A. Yes. However, in some circumstances, such an official may file an expanded statement instead. The expanded statement must cover all reportable interests for all jurisdictions and list all positions for which it is filed. The rules and processes governing the filing of an expanded statement are set forth in Regulation 18723.1.
- 6. Q. Do individuals need to file a complete Form 700 when they leave office?
  - A. Yes. The same requirements apply for the assuming office, the annual, and the leaving office filings.
- 7. Q. An individual is hired into a newly created management position in her agency's Information Technology Department. How does she complete the Form 700?
  - A. Because it is a newly created position, the law requires that economic interests be reported under the broadest disclosure category in the agency's conflict of interest code unless the agency sets interim disclosure that is tailored to the limited range of duties of the position. An individual may request that the agency complete the Form 804 (Agency Report of New Positions) to tailor the disclosure category to the job duties of the new position. Generally, the Form 700 must be filed with the agency within 30 days of the date of hire.
- 8. Q. Must board members of a non-profit public benefit corporation that operates California charter schools file Form 700?
  - A. Yes. Members of charter schools are public officials and must file the Form 700.

#### **Income Questions**

- 9. Q. Must an official report a spouse's or registered domestic partner's salary?
  - A. Generally an official is required to report their community property share (50%) of their spouse's or registered domestic partner's salary. The disclosure lists the employer's name as the source of income on Schedule C of the Form 700. If the spouse or registered domestic partner is self-employed, the business entity is reported on Schedule A-2. Officials should check their disclosure category, if applicable, to determine if the income is reportable. A spouse or registered domestic partner's government salary is not reportable (e.g., spouse is a teacher at a public school).

- 10. Q. If an official and their spouse have a legally separate property agreement (e.g., prenuptial), must the official still report their community property share (50%) in their spouse's income?
  - A. No. If there is a legally separate property agreement, the official is not required to report their community property share in their spouse's income so long as the funds are not commingled with community funds or used to pay for community expenses or to produce or enhance the official's separate income. This reporting exception does not apply to investments and interests in real property. Even if a public official and their spouse have a separate property agreement, the spouse's investments and interests in real property must still be disclosed because the definitions of reportable investments and interests in real property include those held by the official's immediate family (spouse, registered domestic partner, and dependent children). These definitions are not dependent on community property law.
- 11. Q. If an official owns a business in which he has received income of \$10,000 or more from a client, is the official required to disclose the client's name on Schedule A-2, Part 3?
  - A. Yes, except for under rare circumstances where disclosure of the identity would violate a legally recognized privilege under California or federal law. In these cases, the FPPC may authorize an exemption. (Regulation 18740)
- 12. Q. When an official purchases a new car and trades in the old car as credit toward the purchase price, is the trade-in allowance considered reportable income on the Form 700?
  - A. No. A trade-in allowance is not considered income and is not reportable on an official's Form 700. However, income received from the sale of an auto may be reportable.
- 13. Q. An official owns a rental property that they are required to report. The renter/tenant pays a property management company and the company deposits the funds into the official's checking account. Would the source of rental income be listed as the property management company or the person living at the residence who is paying the property management company?
  - A. The source of the rental income is the person living at the residence (renter/tenant). The property management company does not need to be disclosed.

#### **Investment Questions**

- 14. Q. An official holds various stocks through an account managed by an investment firm. The account manager decides which stocks to purchase with no input from the official. Are the stocks subject to disclosure?
  - A. Yes. Unless the stocks are in a diversified mutual fund registered with the SEC or in a fund similar to a diversified mutual fund (e.g., exchange traded fund (ETF)) if the similar fund meets the specific criteria outlined in Regulation 18237. Any investments worth \$2,000 or more in a business entity located in or doing business in the jurisdiction must be disclosed on Schedule A-1 or A-2 if the official's disclosure category requires that the investments be reported.
- 15. Q. Are funds invested in a retirement account required to be disclosed?
  - A. Investments held in a government defined-benefit pension program plan (e.g., CalPERS) are not reportable. Investments held in a fund such as a defined contribution plan 401(k) or exchange traded fund (EFT) are not required to be disclosed if the fund meets the specific criteria outlined in Regulation 18237. An official may need to contact their account manager for assistance in determining what assets are held in the account.

- 16. Q. If an official reported stocks that were acquired last year on their annual Form 700, must the stocks be listed again on the official's next Form 700?
  - A. Yes. Stocks that are worth \$2,000 or more during the reporting period must be reported every year that they are held. The "acquired" and "disposed" dates are only required if the stocks were acquired or disposed of during the period covered by the Form 700.
- 17. Q. How are interests in a living trust reported if the trust includes: (1) rental property in the official's jurisdiction; (2) a primary residence; and (3) investments in diversified mutual funds? Are there different disclosure rules?
  - A. The name of the trust is reported, along with the rental property and its income, on Schedule A-2. The official's primary residence, if used exclusively as a personal residence, and investments in diversified mutual funds registered with the SEC, are not reportable. Although the official's primary residence is not required to be disclosed on the Form 700, it is still considered an economic interest for conflict of interest purposes. (See Question 18.) A secondary residence not used exclusively for personal purposes may be reportable. (See Question 19.)
- 18. Q. A Form 700 filer has a 10% or greater ownership interest in a company that provides uncompensated, pro-bono, or volunteer services within the filer's jurisdiction. Must this investment be disclosed on Schedule A-2 of the Form 700?
  - A. Yes. An investment must be disclosed if there is any financial interest in a business entity that does business or plans to do business within the jurisdiction (See Government Code 82034). Although the services are uncompensated, "doing business in" is defined as having business contacts on a regular or substantial basis including providing services or goods (Regulation 18230).

#### **Real Property Questions**

- 19. Q. Is an official's personal residence reportable?
  - A. Generally, any personal residence occupied by an official or their family is not reportable if used exclusively as a personal residence. However, a residence for which a business deduction is claimed is reportable if the portion claimed as a tax deduction is valued at \$2,000 or more. In addition, any residence for which an official receives rental income is reportable if it is located in the jurisdiction.
- 20. Q. When an official is required to report interests in real property, is a secondary residence reportable?
  - A. It depends. First, the residence must be located in the official's jurisdiction. If the secondary residence is located in the official's jurisdiction and rental income is received (including from a family member), the residence is reportable. However, if the residence is used exclusively for personal purposes and no rental income is received, it is not reportable. Although the secondary residence may not be reportable, it is still considered an economic interest for conflict of interest purposes.
- 21. Q. If a primary or secondary personal residence is required to be reported, is the street address required to be disclosed?
  - A. No. The assessor's parcel number may be listed instead of the street address.

#### **Enforcement Question**

- 22. Q. What is the penalty for not filing the Form 700 on time or not reporting all required economic interests?
  - A. A late fine of \$10 per day up to a maximum of \$100 may be assessed. In addition, if a matter is referred to the FPPC's Enforcement Division for failure to file or failure to include all required economic interests, the fine may be substantially higher. If an individual does not pay a fine, the matter may be referred to the Franchise Tax Board for collection.

#### **Gift/Travel Questions**

- 23. Q. What is the gift limit for 2021-2022?
  - A. **\$520**: This means that gifts from a single, reportable source, other than a lobbyist or lobbying firm (see below), may not exceed \$520 in a calendar year. For officials and employees who file the Form 700 under an agency's conflict of interest code ("designated employees"), this limit applies only if the official or employee would be required to report income or gifts from that source on the Form 700, as outlined in the "disclosure category" portion of the agency's conflict of interest code. For conflict of interest purposes, the gift must be under \$520 to avoid consideration under the conflict rules.

#### State Lobbyist & Lobbying Firm Limit:

**\$10:** State candidates, state elected officers, and state legislative officials may not accept gifts aggregating more than **\$10** in a calendar month that are made or arranged by a registered state lobbyist or lobbying firm. The same rule applies to state agency officials, including members of state boards and commissions, if the lobbyist or firm is registered to lobby, or should be registered to lobby, the official's or employee's agency.

- 24. Q. During the year, an official received several gifts of meals from the same reportable source. Each meal was approximately \$35. Is the source reportable?
  - A. Yes. Gifts from the same reportable source are aggregated, and the official must disclose the source when the total value of all meals reaches or exceeds \$50.
- 25. Q. How does an individual return a gift so that it is not reportable?
  - A. Unused gifts that are returned to the donor or reimbursed within 30 days of receipt are not reportable. The recipient may also donate the unused item to a charity or a governmental agency within 30 days of receipt or acceptance so long as the donation is not claimed as a tax deduction. An individual may not, however, reimburse a charity for the value (or partial value) of a gift from another source, in order to not report the gift, unless the charity was the original source of the gift.
- 26. Q. Two people typically exchange gifts of similar value on birthdays. Are these items reportable?
  - A. No. Gift exchanges with individuals, other than lobbyists, on birthdays, holidays, or similar occasions, are not reportable or subject to gift limits. The gifts exchanged must be similar in value.

- 27. Q. Must an official report gifts received from an individual whom the official is dating?
  - A. No. Gifts of a personal nature exchanged because the individuals are in a bona fide dating relationship are not reportable or subject to gift limits. However, the official remains subject to the conflict of interest rules and some matters may require recusal from voting.
- 28. Q. If an official makes a speech related to national public policy and their spouse attends the dinner at the event, is the spouse's meal considered a gift to the official?
  - A. Yes. The official's meal is not a reportable gift; however, their spouse's meal is a gift and reportable on the official's Form 700 if the value is \$50 or more.
- 29. Q. A vendor that does business with the agency provided entertainment tickets to the spouse of one of the agency members. Must the member report the tickets as gifts?
  - A. Yes. Unless an exception applies, the tickets are a reportable gift. A gift to an official's spouse is a gift to the official when there is no established working, social, or similar relationship between the donor/vendor and the spouse or there is evidence to suggest that the donor had a purpose to influence the official.
- 30. Q. An agency received two free tickets to a concert from a local vendor. The agency has a policy governing the reporting of tickets and passes distributed to persons for use in ceremonial roles or other agency related activities. The agency had discretion to determine who in the agency received the tickets. Each ticket was valued at \$140. If the agency director used the tickets, how are they reported?
  - A. Assuming the tickets meet the agency's policy as an appropriate use of public funds, the agency may report the tickets (worth \$280) on the Form 802 (Agency Report of Ceremonial Role Events and Ticket/Pass Distributions), which is a public record. The director does not need to report the tickets on the Form 700.
- 31. Q. An agency received a large box of chocolates as a holiday gift from a local merchant. It was addressed to the agency and not to a particular employee. Is there a reporting requirement?
  - A. No. There is no reporting requirement if the value received by each agency employee is less than \$50.
- 32. Q. An agency official receives a gift basket specifically addressed to the official worth more than \$50 from a local merchant. Is there a reporting requirement?
  - A. If the source of the gift basket is reportable by the official, the official must report the gift, even if they share the gift with other agency employees.
- 33. Q. Do prizes donated to a governmental agency by an outside source constitute gifts under the Act if they were received by city employees in a drawing conducted by the city for all city employees participating in the city's charitable food drive?
  - A. Yes. The prizes are gifts if donated by an outside source and subject to the Act's limits and reporting requirements.

- 34. Q. An official won a scholarship in a raffle at a software update training class. The scholarship covered the cost of the class. All attendees, including other public officials and members of the public, were eligible to apply for the scholarship. Is the official required to report the scholarship as a gift?
  - A. A scholarship received in a "bona fide" competition may be reported as income instead of a gift. Whether or not a competition or contest is "bona fide" depends on specific facts, such as the nature of the pool of contestants. Contact the FPPC for assistance.
- 35. Q. Is a ticket provided to an official for their admission to an event at which the official performs a ceremonial role or function on behalf of their agency reportable on the official's Form 700?
  - A. No, so long as the organization holding the event provides the ticket and so long as the official's agency completes the Form 802 (Agency Report of Ceremonial Role Events and Ticket/Pass Distributions). The form will identify the official's name and explain the ceremonial function. (See Regulation 18942.3 for the definition of "ceremonial role.")
- 36. Q. An official makes an annual donation to an educational organization that has a 501(c)(3) taxexempt status. The organization is holding a two-hour donor appreciation event, which will include wine, appetizers, and music. Free access to the event is being provided to all donors to the organization. Must the official report the event as a gift from the organization?
  - A. Because free access to the event is offered to all of the organization's donors, without regard to official status, access to the event is not a reportable gift.
- 37. Q. Are frequent flyer miles reportable?
  - A. No. Discounts received under an airline's frequent flyer program that are available to all members of the public are not required to be disclosed.

IMPORTANT NOTE: See Regulation 18950.1 for additional information on reporting travel payments. In some circumstances the agency may report the travel in lieu of the official reporting the travel.

- 38. Q. If a non-profit organization pays for an official to travel to a conference after receiving the funds to pay for the travel from corporate sponsors, specifically for the purpose of paying for the official's travel, is the non-profit organization or the corporate sponsors the source of the gift?
  - A. The corporate sponsors are the source of the gift if the corporate sponsors donated funds specifically for the purpose of the official's travel. Thus, the benefit of the gift received by the official would be pro-rated among the donors. Each reportable donor would be subject to the gift limit and identified on the official's Form 700. The FPPC should be contacted for specific guidance to determine the true source of the travel payment.

- 39. Q. May an official accept travel, lodging and subsistence from a foreign sister city while representing the official's home city?
  - A. Yes. If the travel and related lodging and subsistence is paid by a foreign government and is reasonably related to a legislative or governmental purpose, it is not subject to the gift limit. However, the payments must be disclosed as gifts on the Form 700 for this exception to apply. While in the foreign country, any personal excursions not paid for by the official must also be disclosed and are subject to the gift limit. If private entities make payments to the foreign government to cover the travel expenses, the gift limit will apply and travel payments will likely be prohibited. Please contact the FPPC for more information.
- 40. Q. An analyst for a state or local agency attends a training seminar on the new federal standards related to the agency's regulatory authority. If the analyst's travel payments are paid by the federal agency, must the analyst report the payment on the Form 700?
  - A. No. A payment for travel and related per diem received from a government agency for education, training, or other inter-agency programs or purposes, is not considered a gift or income to the official who uses the payment.
- 41. Q. A state legislator and a planning commissioner were guest speakers at an association's event. Travel expenses were paid by the association, and the event was held in the United States. Is this reportable?
  - A. Yes. The payment is reportable, but not subject to the gift limits. In general, an exception applies to payments for travel within the United States that are provided to attend a function where the official makes a speech. These payments are not limited, but are reportable as gifts. The rules require that the speech be reasonably related to a legislative or governmental purpose, or to an issue of state, national, or international public policy; and the travel payment must be limited to actual transportation and related lodging and subsistence the day immediately preceding, the day of, and the day immediately following the speech. (See Government Code Section 89506. Other rules may be applicable if this exception is not used.)
- 42. Q. An official serves as a board member for two organizations one has a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status and the other has a 501(c)(6) tax-exempt status. The organizations pay the official's travel expenses to attend board meetings. Must the official report these travel payments?
  - A. Under the Act, travel payments provided to an official by a 501(c)(3) organization are exempt from the definition of "income" and therefore, not reportable. However, travel payments from other organizations, including a 501(c)(6) organization, are likely required to be reported. Designated employees must report such travel payment if the organization is reportable pursuant to the official's disclosure category in their agency's conflict of interest code.
- 43. Q. The local airport authority issues a certain number of airport parking cards to the County to allow the cardholders to use the parking facilities at the airport at no change, provided the cardholder is on official business. Must the officials who use the parking cards report a gift on the Form 700?
  - A. No. As long as the parking cards are used for official business only, the parking cards do not provide a personal benefit, so no gift is received. If a parking card is used for *personal* purposes, a gift must be reported.

#### **Tickets to Non-Profit and Political Fundraisers Questions**

- 44. Q. An official is offered a ticket from a 501(c)(3) organization to attend its fundraising event. The face value (price) of the ticket is \$500, and the ticket states that the tax deductible portion is \$350. If the official accepts the ticket, what must be reported?
  - A. Nothing is required to be reported on the Form 700, so long as the ticket is provided directly by the 501(c)(3) organization for its own fundraising event and is used for the official's own attendance at the fundraiser. In this case, the ticket is deemed to have no value. The official may also accept a second ticket provided directly by the 501(c)(3) organization for their guest attending the event, without a reporting obligation by either the official or the guest.
- 45. Q. What if someone purchases a table at a non-profit fundraiser and offers an official a seat at the table?
  - A. If another person or entity provides a ticket, it is a gift and subject to the gift limit. The value is the non-deductible portion on the ticket. If there is no declared face value, then the value is the pro-rata share of the food, catering service, entertainment, and any additional item provided as part of the event. The "no value" exception only applies if the official receives no more than two tickets for their own use directly from the 501(c)(3) organization and it is for the organization's fundraising event.
- 46. Q. A 501(c)(3) organization provides a ticket to an official for its fundraising event. The organization seats the official at a table purchased by a business entity. Does the official have to report the ticket?
  - A. No. So long as the ticket is provided directly by the 501(c)(3) organization and is used for the official's own attendance at the fundraiser, the ticket is not reportable regardless of where the official is seated.
- 47. Q. An agency employee who holds a position designated in its agency's conflict of interest code receives a ticket to a fundraiser from a person not "of the type" listed in the agency's code. Is the agency employee required to report the value?
  - A. No. A ticket or any other gift may be accepted under these circumstances without limit or reporting obligations. Agencies must ensure the conflict of interest code adequately addresses potential conflicts of interests but not be so overbroad as to include sources that are not related to the employee's official duties.
- 48. Q. An official receives a ticket to attend a political fundraiser held in Washington D.C. from a federal committee. Is the official required to disclose the ticket as a gift, and is it subject to the gift limit?
  - A. No. The value of the ticket is not a gift, so long as the ticket is provided to the official directly by the committee holding the fundraiser and the official personally uses the ticket. (Regulation 18946.4.) Separate rules apply for travel provided to attend the fundraiser. Regulation 18950.3 covers issues on travel paid by or for a campaign committee.

- 49. Q. A political party committee is holding a political fundraiser at a golf course and a round of golf is included. If the committee provides an elected official a ticket, is the ticket reportable by the official?
  - A. No, so long as the official uses the ticket for their own use. If someone other than the political party provides a ticket, the full cost of the ticket is a gift. The political party must report the total amount spent on the fundraiser on its campaign statement.
- 50. Q. If a business entity offers an official a ticket or a seat at a table that was purchased for a political fundraiser, what is the value?
  - A. Because the ticket was not offered by the campaign committee holding the fundraiser, it is a gift to the official. The value is either the face value of the ticket or the pro-rata share of the food, catering services, entertainment, and any additional benefits provided to attendees.
- 51. Q. If an official attends an event that serves only appetizers and drinks, does the "drop-in" exception apply no matter how long the official stays or how many appetizers or drinks are consumed?
  - A. No. The focus of the "drop-in" exception is on the official's brief attendance and limited consumption, not on the nature of the event as a whole. If an official attends an event that serves only appetizers and drinks, the "drop-in" exception applies only if the official just "drops in" for a few minutes and consumes only a "de minimis" amount of appetizers and drinks. The "drop-in" exception does not automatically apply just because the event does not serve more than appetizers and drinks.
- 52. Q. An organization, which is not a 501(c)(3) organization, is holding a fundraiser at a professional sporting event. Tickets to this sporting event are sold out and it appears that tickets are only available at a substantially higher price than the face value amount of the ticket provided to the official by the organization. If the official attends the event, what is the value of the gift?
  - A. The value is the face value amount on the ticket to the sporting event. This valuation rule applies to all tickets to such events that are not covered by a separate valuation exception, such as non-profit and political party fundraisers.
- 53. Q. An official receives a ticket to a fundraiser, and if accepted, the ticket will result in a reportable gift or a gift over the current gift limit. What are the options?
  - A. The official may reimburse the entity or organization that provided the ticket for the amount over the gift limit. Alternatively, the official may pay down the value of the ticket to under the \$50 gift reporting threshold if the official does not want to disclose the ticket. Reimbursement and/or pay down must occur within 30 days of receipt of the ticket. A candidate or elected official may use campaign funds to make the reimbursement if the official's attendance at the event is directly related to a political, legislative, or governmental purpose. A ticket that is not used and not given to another person is not considered a gift to the official and therefore is not reportable.

#### **Questions and Answers**

#### General

- Q. What is the reporting period for disclosing interests on an assuming office statement or a candidate statement?
- A. On an assuming office statement, disclose all reportable investments, interests in real property, and business positions held on the date you assumed office. In addition, you must disclose income (including loans, gifts and travel payments) received during the 12 months prior to the date you assumed office.
  - On a candidate statement, disclose all reportable investments, interests in real property, and business positions held on the date you file your declaration of candidacy. You must also disclose income (including loans, gifts and travel payments) received during the 12 months prior to the date you file your declaration of candidacy.
- Q. I hold two other board positions in addition to my position with the county. Must I file three statements of economic interests?
- A. Yes, three are required. However, you may instead complete an expanded statement listing the county and the two boards on the Cover Page or an attachment as the agencies for which you will be filing. Disclose all reportable economic interests in all three jurisdictions on the expanded statement. File the expanded statement for your primary position providing an original "wet" signature unless filed with a secure electronic signature. (See page 3 above.) File copies of the expanded statement with the other two agencies as required by Regulation 18723.1(c). Remember to complete separate statements for positions that you leave or assume during the year.
- Q. I am a department head who recently began acting as city manager. Should I file as the city manager?
- A. Yes. File an assuming office statement as city manager. Persons serving as "acting," "interim," or "alternate" must file as if they hold the position because they are or may be performing the duties of the position.

- Q. My spouse and I are currently separated and in the process of obtaining a divorce. Must I still report my spouse's income, investments, and interests in real property?
- A. Yes. A public official must continue to report a spouse's economic interests until such time as dissolution of marriage proceedings is final. However, if a separate property agreement has been reached prior to that time, your estranged spouse's income may not have to be reported. Contact the FPPC for more information.
- Q. As a designated employee, I left one state agency to work for another state agency. Must I file a leaving office statement?
- A. Yes. You may also need to file an assuming office statement for the new agency.

#### **Investment Disclosure**

- Q. I have an investment interest in shares of stock in a company that does not have an office in my jurisdiction. Must I still disclose my investment interest in this company?
- A. Probably. The definition of "doing business in the jurisdiction" is not limited to whether the business has an office or physical location in your jurisdiction. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 13.)
- Q. My spouse and I have a living trust. The trust holds rental property in my jurisdiction, our primary residence, and investments in diversified mutual funds. I have full disclosure. How is this trust disclosed?
- A. Disclose the name of the trust, the rental property and its income on Schedule A-2. Your primary residence and investments in diversified mutual funds registered with the SEC are not reportable.
- Q. I am required to report all investments. I have an IRA that contains stocks through an account managed by a brokerage firm. Must I disclose these stocks even though they are held in an IRA and I did not decide which stocks to purchase?
- A. Yes. Disclose on Schedule A-1 or A-2 any stock worth \$2,000 or more in a business entity located in or doing business in your jurisdiction.

# Questions and Answers Continued

- Q. The value of my stock changed during the reporting period. How do I report the value of the stock?
- A. You are required to report the highest value that the stock reached during the reporting period. You may use your monthly statements to determine the highest value. You may also use the entity's website to determine the highest value. You are encouraged to keep a record of where you found the reported value. Note that for an assuming office statement, you must report the value of the stock on the date you assumed office.
- Q. I am the sole owner of my business, an S-Corporation. I believe that the nature of the business is such that it cannot be said to have any "fair market value" because it has no assets. I operate the corporation under an agreement with a large insurance company. My contract does not have resale value because of its nature as a personal services contract. Must I report the fair market value for my business on Schedule A-2 of the Form 700?
- A. Yes. Even if there are no *tangible* assets, intangible assets, such as relationships with companies and clients are commonly sold to qualified professionals. The "fair market value" is often quantified for other purposes, such as marital dissolutions or estate planning. In addition, the IRS presumes that "personal services corporations" have a fair market value. A professional "book of business" and the associated goodwill that generates income are not without a determinable value. The Form 700 does not require a precise fair market value; it is only necessary to check a box indicating the broad range within which the value falls.
- Q. I own stock in IBM and must report this investment on Schedule A-1. I initially purchased this stock in the early 1990s; however, I am constantly buying and selling shares. Must I note these dates in the "Acquired" and "Disposed" fields?
- A. No. You must only report dates in the "Acquired" or "Disposed" fields when, during the reporting period, you initially purchase a reportable investment worth \$2,000 or more or when you dispose of the entire investment. You are not required to track the partial trading of an investment.

- Q. On last year's filing I reported stock in Encoe valued at \$2,000 \$10,000. Late last year the value of this stock fell below and remains at less than \$2,000. How should this be reported on this year's statement?
- A. You are not required to report an investment if the value was less than \$2,000 during the **entire** reporting period. However, because a disposed date is not required for stocks that fall below \$2,000, you may want to report the stock and note in the "comments" section that the value fell below \$2,000. This would be for informational purposes only; it is not a requirement.
- Q. We have a Section 529 account set up to save money for our son's college education. Is this reportable?
- A. If the Section 529 account contains reportable interests (e.g., common stock valued at \$2,000 or more), those interests are reportable (not the actual Section 529 account). If the account contains solely mutual funds, then nothing is reported.

#### **Income Disclosure**

- Q. I reported a business entity on Schedule A-2. Clients of my business are located in several states. Must I report all clients from whom my pro rata share of income is \$10,000 or more on Schedule A-2, Part 3?
- A. No, only the clients located in or doing business on a regular basis in your jurisdiction must be disclosed.
- Q. I believe I am not required to disclose the names of clients from whom my pro rata share of income is \$10,000 or more on Schedule A-2 because of their right to privacy. Is there an exception for reporting clients' names?
- A. Regulation 18740 provides a procedure for requesting an exemption to allow a client's name not to be disclosed if disclosure of the name would violate a legally recognized privilege under California or Federal law. This regulation may be obtained from our website at www.fppc.ca.gov. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 14.)

# Questions and Answers Continued

- Q. I am sole owner of a private law practice that is not reportable based on my limited disclosure category. However, some of the sources of income to my law practice are from reportable sources. Do I have to disclose this income?
- A. Yes, even though the law practice is not reportable, reportable sources of income to the law practice of \$10,000 or more must be disclosed. This information would be disclosed on Schedule C with a note in the "comments" section indicating that the business entity is not a reportable investment. The note would be for informational purposes only; it is not a requirement.
- Q. I am the sole owner of my business. Where do I disclose my income on Schedule A-2 or Schedule C?
- A. Sources of income to a business in which you have an ownership interest of 10% or greater are disclosed on Schedule A-2. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 8.)
- Q. My husband is a partner in a four-person firm where all of his business is based on his own billings and collections from various clients. How do I report my community property interest in this business and the income generated in this manner?
- A. If your husband's investment in the firm is 10% or greater, disclose 100% of his share of the business on Schedule A-2, Part 1 and 50% of his income on Schedule A-2, Parts 2 and 3. For example, a client of your husband's must be a source of at least \$20,000 during the reporting period before the client's name is reported.
- Q. How do I disclose my spouse's or registered domestic partner's salary?
- A. Report the name of the employer as a source of income on Schedule C.
- Q. I am a doctor. For purposes of reporting \$10,000 sources of income on Schedule A-2, Part 3, are the patients or their insurance carriers considered sources of income?
- A. If your patients exercise sufficient control by selecting you instead of other doctors, then your patients, rather than their insurance carriers, are sources of income to you. (See Reference Pamphlet, page 14.)

- Q. I received a loan from my grandfather to purchase my home. Is this loan reportable?
- A. No. Loans received from family members are not reportable.
- Q. Many years ago, I loaned my parents several thousand dollars, which they paid back this year. Do I need to report this loan repayment on my Form 700?
- A. No. Payments received on a loan made to a family member are not reportable.

#### **Real Property Disclosure**

- Q. During this reporting period we switched our principal place of residence into a rental. I have full disclosure and the property is located in my agency's jurisdiction, so it is now reportable. Because I have not reported this property before, do I need to show an "acquired" date?
- A. No, you are not required to show an "acquired" date because you previously owned the property. However, you may want to note in the "comments" section that the property was not previously reported because it was used exclusively as your residence. This would be for informational purposes only; it is not a requirement.
- Q. I am a city manager, and I own a rental property located in an adjacent city, but one mile from the city limit. Do I need to report this property interest?
- A. Yes. You are required to report this property because it is located within 2 miles of the boundaries of the city you manage.
- Q. Must I report a home that I own as a personal residence for my daughter?
- A. You are not required to disclose a home used as a personal residence for a family member unless you receive income from it, such as rental income.
- Q. I am a co-signer on a loan for a rental property owned by a friend. Since I am listed on the deed of trust, do I need to report my friend's property as an interest in real property on my Form 700?
- A. No. Simply being a co-signer on a loan for property does not create a reportable interest in that real property.

# Questions and Answers Continued

#### **Gift Disclosure**

- Q. If I received a reportable gift of two tickets to a concert valued at \$100 each, but gave the tickets to a friend because I could not attend the concert, do I have any reporting obligations?
- A. Yes. Since you accepted the gift and exercised discretion and control of the use of the tickets, you must disclose the gift on Schedule D.
- Q. Julia and Jared Benson, a married couple, want to give a piece of artwork to a county supervisor. Is each spouse considered a separate source for purposes of the gift limit and disclosure?
- A. Yes, each spouse may make a gift valued at the gift limit during a calendar year. For example, during 2021 the gift limit was \$520, so the Bensons may have given the supervisor artwork valued at no more than \$1,040. The supervisor must identify Jared and Julia Benson as the sources of the gift.
- Q. I am a Form 700 filer with full disclosure. Our agency holds a holiday raffle to raise funds for a local charity. I bought \$10 worth of raffle tickets and won a gift basket valued at \$120. The gift basket was donated by Doug Brewer, a citizen in our city. At the same event, I bought raffle tickets for, and won a quilt valued at \$70. The quilt was donated by a coworker. Are these reportable gifts?
- A. Because the gift basket was donated by an outside source (not an agency employee), you have received a reportable gift valued at \$110 (the value of the basket less the consideration paid). The source of the gift is Doug Brewer and the agency is disclosed as the intermediary. Because the quilt was donated by an employee of your agency, it is not a reportable gift.

- Q. My agency is responsible for disbursing grants. An applicant (501(c)(3) organization) met with agency employees to present its application. At this meeting, the applicant provided food and beverages. Would the food and beverages be considered gifts to the employees? These employees are designated in our agency's conflict of interest code and the applicant is a reportable source of income under the code.
- A. Yes. If the value of the food and beverages consumed by any one filer, plus any other gifts received from the same source during the reporting period total \$50 or more, the food and beverages would be reported using the fair market value and would be subject to the gift limit.
- Q. I received free admission to an educational conference related to my official duties. Part of the conference fees included a round of golf. Is the value of the golf considered informational material?
- A. No. The value of personal benefits, such as golf, attendance at a concert, or sporting event, are gifts subject to reporting and limits.

# CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE OF THE TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AGENCY

(Adopted August 17, 2020)

The Political Reform Act (Gov Code § 81000, et seq.) requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes. The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted 2 Cal. Code of Regulations section 18730, which contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code that can be incorporated by reference in an agency's code. After public notice and hearing, Section 18730 may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act. Therefore, the terms of 2 California Code of Regulations section 18730 and any amendments to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission are hereby incorporated by reference. This incorporation page, Regulation 18730 and the attached Appendix designating positions and establishing disclosure categories, shall constitute the conflict of interest code of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (the "Transit Agency").

All officials and designated positions required to submit a statement of economic interests shall file their statements with the **Transit Agency Executive Director** (or his or her designee) as the Transit Agency's Filing Officer. The Transit Agency's Filing Officer shall make and retain a copy of all statements filed by Officials listed in Government Code Section 87200, and forward the originals of such statements to the Fair Political Practices Commission. The Transit Agency's Filing Officer shall retain the originals of the statements of all other officials and designated positions and. will make all retained statements available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours (Gov. Code§ 81008.)

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE OF THE**

#### **TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AGENCY**

(Adopted August 17, 2020)

PART "A"

The Transit Agency Officials who manage public investments as defined by 2 Cal. Code of Regs. § 18700.3, are NOT subject to the Transit Agency's Code but must file disclosure statements under Government Code section 87200 et seq. [Regs.§ 18730(b)(3)]

#### **OFFICIALS WHO MANAGE PUBLIC INVESTMENTS**

It has been determined that the positions listed below are Other Transit Agency Officials who manage public investments. <sup>1</sup> These positions are listed here for informational purposes only.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Individuals holding one of the above listed positions may contact the Fair Political Practices Commission for assistance or written advice regarding their filing obligations if they believe that their position has been categorized incorrectly. The Fair Political Practices Commission makes the final determination whether a position is covered by § 87200.

# DESIGNATED POSITIONS GOVERNED BY THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

| Designated Positions' Title or Function    | Disclosure Categories Assigned |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Members and Alternates, Board of Directors | All                            |
| Executive Director                         | All                            |
| Assistant Executive Director               | All                            |
| Consultants and New Positions <sup>2</sup> | TBD                            |
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The Transit Agency Executive Director may determine that, due to the range of duties or contractual obligations, it is more appropriate to designate a limited disclosure requirement. A clear explanation of the duties and a statement of the extent of the disclosure requirements must be in a written document. (Gov. Code § 82019; Reg. 18734.) The Transit Agency Executive Director's determination is a public record and shall be retained for public inspection in the same manner and location as this Conflict of Interest Code. (Gov.Code§ 81008.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Individuals serving as a consultant as defined in FPPC Reg 18700.3 or in a new position created since this Code was last approved that makes or participates in making decisions must file under the broadest disclosure set forth in this Code subject to the following limitation:

#### PART "B"

#### **DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES**

The disclosure categories listed below identify the types of economic investments that the designated position must disclose for each disclosure category to which he or she is assigned.<sup>3</sup> "Investment" means financial interest in any business entity (including a consulting business or other independent contracting business) and are reportable if they are either located in or doing business in the jurisdiction, are planning to do business in the jurisdiction, or have done business during the previous two years in the jurisdiction of the Transit Agency.

**Category 1**: All investments and business positions in business entities and sources of income, including gifts, loans and travel payments, that are located in, do business in, or own real property within the jurisdiction of the Transit Agency.

**Category 2:** All interests in real property that is located in whole or in part within, or not more than two (2) miles outside, the jurisdiction of the Transit Agency.

**Category 3:** All investments and business positions in business entities and sources of income, including gifts, loans and travel payments, that are engaged in land development, construction or the acquisition or sale of real property within the jurisdiction of the Transit Agency.

**Category 4:** All investments and business positions in business entities, and sources of income, including gifts, loans and travel payments, that provide services, products, materials, machinery, vehicles or equipment of a type purchased or leased by the Transit Agency.

**Category 5:** All investments and business positions in business entities and sources of income, including gifts, loans and travel payments, that provide services, products, materials, machinery, vehicles or equipment of a type purchased or leased by the designated position's department, unit or division.

**Category 6:** All investments and business positions and sources of income, including gifts, loans and travel payments, subject to the regulatory, permit, or licensing authority of the designated position's department, unit or division.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This Conflict of Interest Code does not require the reporting of gifts from outside this agency's jurisdiction if the source does not have some connection with or bearing upon the functions or duties of the position. (Reg. 18730)

Tulare County Regional Transit Agency

AGENDA ITEM VI-A
March 28, 2022
Prepared by Richard Tree, TCRTA Staff

**SUBJECT:** 

Action: 2022 CALACT Spring Conference & Expo.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The California Association for Coordinated Transportation (CALACT) will be having its 2022 Spring Conference & Expo on April 19, 2022, through April 22, 2022, at the Newport Beach Marriott Hotel and Spa.

CALACT, which TCRTA is a member, hosts two state-wide transit conference each year. A typical conference agenda focuses on legislative initiatives, creating and sustaining public transportation, zero-emission planning, state and federal funding, and regulatory requirements. Most transit agencies attend these conferences each year to network and obtain continuing education.

At the Board meeting of February 28, 2022, the Board of Directors tabled the appointment of a member of the Board of Directors to attend the 2022 CALACT Spring Conference and Expo.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

Staff is recommending that a member of the Board of Directors be appointed to attend the 2022 Spring Conference & Expo to introduce and educate staff on various topics affecting public transportation today.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency Board of Directors:

- 1. Select and authorize a member of the Board of Directors to attend the 2022 Spring Conference & Expo; or
- 2. Authorize and additional staff member to attend the 2022 Spring Conference & Expo.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The estimated expense for the Director, Executive Director, and Transportation Planner to attend the 2022 Spring Conference & Expo is \$3,500.

#### **ATTACHMENT:**

None

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#### **Tulare County Regional Transit Agency**

AGENDA ITEM VI-B
March 28, 2022
Prepared by Richard Tree, TCRTA Staff

#### **SUBJECT:**

**ACTION:** Authorize Outreach for FY 2022 Fare and Service Changes

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Federal Transit Administration's Office of Civil Rights works with transit providers to ensure that the impacts of service and fare changes are not discriminatory and are distributed equitably to minority and low-income populations. The FTA also seeks to ensure that minority, low-income, and limited English proficient communities have an equal opportunity to participate in the public involvement process that often precedes a decision to change service and fares.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

At the Board meeting of February 28, 2022, the Board of Directors approved a series of public hearings to involve the public on the proposed FY 2022 fare and service changes. The Board of Directors also recommended that staff develop additional outreach measures to connect with the public that may not be able to attend a public meeting.

Based on the direction given by the Board of Directors, staff discussed possible opportunities with Rethought Reborn Media. Rethought Reborn Media is currently the transit advertising contractor for several of our member agencies and is also assisting TCRTA in its #whylrideTC campaign.

The attached proposal from Rethought Reborn provides a website (TCRTAcares.com) created and designed solely as a two-way communication between TCRTA and the riding public, online surveys designed to gather input and feedback, enhanced social media campaigns to further connect with the community, and promotional handouts and displays to be used at upcoming community events.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency Board of Directors approve the draft Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Rethought Reborn Media for outreach services in the amount not to exceed \$11,250.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funding for the outreach project will come from TCRTA reserves.

#### **ATTACHMENT:**

- 1. Rethought Reborn Media Proposal
- 2. Draft Resolution



# WE HELP YOU TELL YOUR



Project proposal: TCRTAcares.com

Client: TCRTA

Delivered on: 03.07.22

Submitted by: Jenna Salazar

70 Attachment 1



# TCRTAcares.com

As a sister site to the primary website for riding transit in Tulare County, **TCRTAcares.com** will be created and designed solely as a two-way communication tool between TCRTA and the ridership, institutional customers, stakeholders and community-at-large.

Along with the upcoming traditional public hearings scheduled throughout the county, this website will allow TCRTA to connect with its market in a variety of platforms to maximize engagement on an ongoing basis.

Participation in this mobile-friendly website will be encouraged with frequent promotion through:

- QR Codes directing participants to www.TCRTAcares.com.
  - These QR codes and access instructions will be displayed inside every bus, at transit centers and other relevant ridership touch points.
- Social media: TCRTA Facebook & Instagram, agency pages, City and County pages

Surveys will be accessible through this site (in both English & Spanish), and quickly adapted for the level of engagement we require at the moment such as:

- TCRTA Experience
- Design input
- Brand feedback

This site can also be used to briefly address the question "Who is TCRTA?" and easily inform the public the mission of the JPA, the member agencies, proposed improvements & innovation, as well as upcoming events, performance metrics, news coverage, social media feeds and, well, anything else not included on the primary website!



# ADDITIONAL OUTREACH TOOLS

## Social Media

Ongoing management of social media pages on behalf of TCRTA will be focused on growing followers, community engagement and real-time interaction with post activities. 2 posts per week (minimum). Additionally, TCRTA pages will share participating agency posts, announce upcoming events, etc. as directed by TCRTA.

## Campaigns

In addition to the community coverage we have been posting on TCRTA's social media pages, we propose to expand the content to include the following campaigns:

- #WhylRideTC (ongoing). Launched in the Fall 2021, we would like to continue this campaign and grow it to encourage riders to share pictures of themselves riding TCRTA buses and tag #WhylRideTC on Instagram & Facebook.
- #MeetYourDriverTC. This campaign would be tailored to highlight the "personal" side of transit service and the drivers who are on the front lines every day.
- #HowToRideTC. The "How to Ride" campaign will be geared to informing potential or new riders, well, how to ride! A lighthearted guide to getting from Point A to Point B using the TCRTA system. Photos and/or videos of every step from utilizing the website, calling Green Line, purchasing a ticket, boarding a bus, identifying the desired stop, etc. will be covered.
- Transit Stops/Destinations (haven't thought of a hashtag yet!). Highlighting destinations easily accessible via transit throughout the community, this campaign offers an opportunity to give a "shout out" to local businesses as well as inform the public.
- Transit Services / System Amenities. This campaign will highlight the services offered by TCRTA (paratransit, on-demand transit, fixed route, connecting services) for each member agency and how to access these services. System amenities themes allow TCRTA a chance to "toot your own horn" a little bit and showcase the advanced technology of the equipment and services throughout the system, as well as bringing attention to little details, such as how to travel with a bicycle.

The campaigns above will require content curation through interviews, photography & videography, but we have anticipated incorporating these campaigns into TCRTA's messaging and have gotten a jump start on content for most of these and can begin working them into rotation immediately.



# ADDITIONAL OUTREACH TOOLS

## Taking Your Message on the Road

Transit advertising works! So why shouldn't TCRTA put its message out where everyone can see it on a bus, of course! Offering a variety of cost points, messaging can stay fresh and connect with riders and fellow travelers on the road alike.

In addition to the community coverage we have been posting on TCRTA's social media pages, we propose to expand the content to include the following campaigns:

- \$ Car Cards (interior ads). Economical and effective, these 17" x 11" cards can be placed in every bus. We recommend 2 per bus 1 in English, 1 in Spanish. In buses that do not have ad rails (e.g. cutaways), we can produce them as "stickers." \*
- **\$\$** Bus Shelters. Bus shelters with messaging space are a fantastic opportunity to connect with riders while they wait for their bus to arrive. We can utilize this space to display the QR code directing them to TCRTAcares.com and even upcoming events, if desired.

Porterville: 21 available bus shelters. (2) 46" x 67" panels per shelter.

Dinuba: 20 available bus shelters. (1) 72.5" x 36.5" panel per shelter.

Tulare: (How many shelters? Size of map case?)

\$\$\$\$\$\$ Bus wrap. Nothing gets attention quite like a giant billboard on the move! Full wraps offer big-impact messaging... everywhere. The new TCaT buses travel throughout the county and are, basically, a blank canvas. A fun, attention-grabbing design can designed to introduce the public to TCRTA and generate a buzz while directing to riders and community members alike to TCRTAcares.com to provide feedback. Within the design, we can arrange it so that certain areas (like the tail and a queen panel) are easy and inexpensive to update as new information comes out until TCRTA adopts a brand and fleet design is rolled out.

## Promotional Items & Merch

Banners, poster boards, and other materials for events can be quoted on an as-needed basis. Handouts and good ol'swag is always a great way to create goodwill, as well!

<sup>\*</sup>These are produced using the same high-quality material as our bus ads and designed to be easily removed.



## Your Investment

| Description  | Price                       | Qty                         | Subtotal   |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Create website: TCRTAcares.com can be completed by 04.30.2022 Design and publish mobile-friendly website. Includes content in English & Spanish. Custom surveys & forms according to TCRTA objectives. Includes annual hosting | \$5,950                     | 1                           | \$5,950  |
| TCRTAcares.com Monthly Management 05.01.2022 - 06.30.2022 Up to (10) hours of updates, changes, additions as needed. Monthly* response compilation & engagement analytics  | \$850                       | 2                           | \$1,700  |
| Social Media Management 03.01.2022 - 06.30.2022 Perform duties as outlined in scope of service, including content generation & curation with an emphasis on growing community awareness and engagement                         | \$650                       | 4                           | \$2,600  |
| Promotional Handouts & Displays Display boards, rack cards, promtional handouts, "swag" to be used/distributed at community events   | \$1,000                     | 1                           | \$1,000  |
| Total  |                             |                             | \$11,250   |
| Variables<br>Transit Advertising/Promotion   |                             |                             |  |
| Interior Ads   | \$12/ea                     | TBD                         | \$24/bus   |
| Bus Shelter (PT) Bus Shelter (DART) Bus Shelter (TIME)   | \$267.66<br>\$205.35<br>TBD | up to 21<br>up to 20<br>TBD | up to <b>\$5,620.86</b><br>up to <b>\$4,107.00</b><br><b>TBD</b> |
| Full Bus Wrap (TCaT)   | \$9,113.02                  | 1                           | \$9,113.02   |
| Full Bus Wrap (DART Bus 9 & 15)  | \$5,073.32                  | 1                           | \$5,073.32   |
| Full Bus Wrap (TIME 2031)  | \$9,206.46                  | 1                           | \$9,206.46   |
| Full Bus Wrap (PT New Flyer)   | \$9,875.09                  | 1                           | \$9,875.09   |
| On demand marketing/creative services  | \$85/hr                     | as needed                   | \$85/hr  |

# **NEXT STEPS**

- 1. If you have any questions at all, please let us know. We're happy to clarify any points and there may be some items we can sort out together. We're committed to finding the best way to work together.
- 2. Once you feel confident about everything and are ready to move forward, please sign below to make the acceptance official.
- 3. Once we receive a copy of your acceptance, we'll contact you shortly to sort out the next steps and get the project rolling.
- 4. If you'd like to speak to me by phone, don't hesitate to call me at (559) 783-9545 ext. 101 or (540) 454-9533 mobile.

Jenna Salazar

Rich Tree

Tulare County Regional Transit Agency



| RESOLUTION: 2022- |
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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AGENCY APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF OUTREACH SERVICES FROM RETHOUGHT REBORN MEDIA IN THE AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$11,250 AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

**WHEREAS**, the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency is required to include public participation whenever there are proposed changes to fares and service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency does not have the staffing or capacity perform outreach services needed for public participation relating to the proposed 2022 fare and service changes; and

**WHEREAS**, Rethought Reborn Media is an advertising and marketing agency specializing in developing and managing transit advertisement and outreach.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AGENCY, does hereby approve this purchase and directs staff to execute the necessary documents to acquire outreach services from Rethought Reborn at a not-to-exceed cost of \$11,250.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022 by the Board of Directors of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency.

| 28 <sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.   |             |
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| AYES:   |             |
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| ATTEST:   |             |
| I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolu  |             |
| Board of Directors of the Tulare County Reg<br>thereof held on the 28 <sup>th</sup> day of March 2022 |             |
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| Signed  |             |
| Richard Tree<br>Executive Director  |             |
| executive Director  |             |

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION** was passed and adopted by the Board of Directors

of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency at a regular meeting thereof held on the

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#### **Tulare County Regional Transit Agency**

AGENDA ITEM V-C March 28, 2022 Prepared by Richard Tree, TCRTA Staff

#### **SUBJECT:**

**Action:** Authorization to Purchase Zero Emission Transit Buses

#### **BACKGROUND:**

On December 14, 2018, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) adopted the Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) regulation requiring all public transit agencies to gradually transition to a 100 percent zero-emission bus (ZEB) fleet. Beginning in 2029, 100 percent of new purchases by transit agencies must be ZEBs, with a goal of full transition by 2040. Starting in 2023, large transit agencies (100 buses or more) are required to make 25 percent of new bus purchases ZEBs. For small transit agencies (99 buses or less), 25 percent of all new bus purchases must be ZEBs starting in 2026.

At the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) meeting held on March 21, 2022, TCAG redistributed \$1.75 million in Congestion Management and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funding to TCRTA to purchase ZEBs.

On March 30, 2022, the California Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project (HVIP) is set to re-open that will provide \$196.6 million in vouchers to reduce the cost of ZEB purchases. Of the \$196.6 million available, \$65.5 million is set-aside for public transit buses. Each HVIP voucher will reduce the cost of the ZEB purchase up to \$150,000.

For example, if TCRTA were to purchase 1 ZEBs at a cost of \$900,000, TCRTA would qualify for a \$150,000 in HVIP voucher, reducing the purchase price to \$750,000.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

Staff has identified the California Department of General Services (DGS) for the procurement of zero-emission buses. DGS manages all major services for the State of California. An important function of the agency is the procurement of goods and services. DGS conducts formal solicitation activities that result in cooperative agreements with favorable pricing. The DGS methodology is thorough and comprehensive, which enables most state and government agencies in California to fulfill internal procurement policies and purchase from the DGS cooperative agreements. This method significantly reduces the procurement time and resources necessary for acquiring the needed equipment or services that require a formal solicitation; and there is an added benefit of volume pricing.

In 2019, DGS carried out a solicitation for the purchase of transit buses on behalf of all public transit providers in the state. DGS received six proposals that were evaluated on technical specifications, cost, customer references, environmental and quality standards, battery leasing, and energy storage warranties. New Flyer of America and Proterra were awarded contracts I

the 35-foot Standard Low Floor Battery-Electric Bus segment. Their proposals were evaluated alongside proposals from Creative Bus Sales, BYD Motors LLC, and Gillig LLC.

Staff reviewed the procurement documents and procedures from the DGS solicitation for heavy-duty vehicles and found them to be in conformance with City and FTA requirements.

Comparison to a valid independent cost estimate (ICE) is one of the six price analysis techniques listed in the Pricing Guide for FTA Grantees. While DGS performed a price analysis prior to contract award, staff also compared the pricing from the City of Porterville's 2017 battery-electric procurement and determined the DGS contracts (New Flyer and Proterra) to be fair and reasonable.

| Battery-Electric Bus (Base Price) | Cost per Bus       |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 2017 GreenPower Purchase Price    | \$825,640          |
| New Flyer DGS Contract Price      | \$775 <i>,</i> 595 |
| Proterra DGS Contract Price       | \$789,000          |

On March 18, 2022, staff inspected and performed a drive test as part of a Proterra demonstration day. Staff was pleased with the quality of the bus and the slightly longer range compared to the New Flyer bus. Proterra buses are also manufactured and serviced from their southern California facility. Currently, Visalia Transit has six (6) Proterra buses in service.

In 2021, member agency City of Porterville ordered three (3) New Flyer buses and those buses will be delivered in late July. New Flyer buses are manufactured and serviced from their facility in Alabama. The City of Porterville also has ten (10) GreenPower buses and twelve (12) Lightning Systems shuttle vans.

To evaluate the performance of various ZEB technologies, staff recommends that for this project the agency select Proterra. The ability to evaluate a mixed fleet over an extended period will allow staff to determine the best technology to support the transition of the rest of the fleet.

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Proterra, in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000, to purchase three (3) 35' Proterra ZX5 Battery Electric Buses, with extended warranties and configurable options using the California General Services (DGS) Contract. Said purchase is contingent upon award of the FTA CMAQ grant application and FTA mandated Pre-Award Buy America Audit report.

Current estimates from Proterra indicate that the three buses will be delivered in approximately 14 months. The Proterra ZEBs will be based out of the Central Yard and will be operated on both commuter routes throughout Tulare County and local routes operating in the City of Tulare.

Once a purchased order has been approved, staff will apply to participate in the Southern California Edison (SCE) Charge Ready Transport Program. To encourage the adoption of battery-electric buses, SCE Charge Ready Transport Program provides a make-ready infrastructure, 50% rebate on charging stations, special EV rates, and a five-year waiver on demand charges.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency Board of Directors approve the draft Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Proterra, in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 to procure three 35' ZX5 battery electric buses with extended warranties and configurable options utilizing the California Department of Services (DGS) Contract.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funding for this project included \$1,750,000 from the Federal Transit Administration CMAQ Program, \$450,000 from the California HVIP program, and \$300,000 in local transportation funds to be budgeted in the 2022 capital budget.

#### **ATTACHMENT:**

- 1. DGS Contract
- 2. New Flyer DGS Contract Pricing
- 3. Proterra DGS Contract Pricing
- 4. Draft Resolution



# Department of General Services Procurement Division

707 Third Street, Second Floor, West Sacramento, CA 95605 (916) 375-4400 (800) 559-5529

Broadcast Date: December 20, 2019 Bulletin #: K-35-19

TO: Purchasing Authority Contacts (PACs)

**Procurement and Contracting Officers (PCOs)** 

**RE:** Zero Emission Transit Buses



The Department of General Services, Procurement Division (DGS-PD) is pleased to announce the award of the new Statewide Contracts (SC) for Zero Emission Transit Buses. The SCs are as follows:

| Contract No. Contractor Name |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>1-19-23-17B</u>           | New Flyer of America, Inc. |
| <u>1-19-23-17C</u>           | Proterra, Inc.             |

User Instructions and Contract Pricing are available on Cal eProcure. Click on the contract numbers above to access contract details.

These SCs are considered an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) or "green" contracts. Zero emission buses translate into cleaner air for all of us. They dramatically reduce tailpipe pollution from buses and also reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gases. Visit the DGS Buying Green Website for additional EPP information.

If you have any questions regarding this notification, please contact:

Erica Seghesio-Groves

<u>Erica.Seghesiogroves@dgs.ca.gov</u>

(916) 376-3802

Attachment 2

### **Group 2 - 35 Foot Standard Low Floor Battery Electric Bus**

ContractorNew Flyer of America Inc.ManufacturerNew Flyer of America Inc.ModelXE35

| BASE BUS                          | BASE BUS   |     |                  |
|-----------------------------------|--|-----|------------------|
| Contract<br>Line Item #<br>(CLIN) | Description  | Con | tract Unit Price |
| 2.1                               | 35 Foot Standard Low Floor Battery Electric Bus, 311 kWh battery pack with an operating range up to 150 miles*, meeting Attachment B, Technical Specification 2310-4399R2 dated 4/19/2019. Base warranty of 6 yrs/300k miles on Energy Storage System (ESS). | \$  | 732,618.00       |
| 2.2                               | Volume Discount, bus order quantity 5 - 9  | \$  | 730,618.66       |
| 2.3                               | Volume Discount, bus order quantity 10 - 24  | \$  | 728,618.66       |
| 2.4                               | Volume Discount, bus order quantity greater than 24  | \$  | 723,618.66       |
| 2.5                               | Change to provide ESS 160 kWh battery pack (operating range up to 70 miles*)   | \$  | (48,011.69)      |
| 2.6                               | Change to provide ESS 213 kWh battery pack (operating range up to 85 miles*)   | \$  | (12,600.00)      |
| 2.7                               | Change to provide ESS 388 kWh battery pack (operating range up to 190 miles*)  | \$  | 42,976.75        |
| 2.8                               | Optional Extended Warranty Propulsion System 3yrs/200K miles (total of 5 yrs/300K miles)   | \$  | 15,641.94        |
| 2.9                               | Optional Extended Warranty Propulsion System 4yrs/200K miles (total of 6 yrs/300K miles)   | \$  | 17,009.94        |
| 2.10                              | Optional Extended Warranty Propulsion System 10yrs/400K miles (total of 12yrs/500K miles)  | \$  | 32,012.34        |
| 2.11                              | Optional Extended Warranty 311 kWh ESS 6yrs/200K miles (total of 12yrs/500K miles)   | \$  | 40,718.52        |
| 2.12                              | Optional Extended Warranty 388 kWh ESS 6yrs/200K miles (total of 12yrs/500K miles)   | \$  | 50,834.88        |

| OPTIONS     |                      |                    |
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| Contract    | Description          | Contract Mark-Up % |
| Line Item # |                      |                    |
| (CLIN)      |                      |                    |
| n/a         | Options, (cost plus) | 0%                 |

| SPARE PARTS                       |  |                     |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| Contract<br>Line Item #<br>(CLIN) | Description                              | Contract Unit Price |
| 2.13                              | Set Wiper Motors                         | \$ 232.99           |
| 2.14                              | Windshields (Standard Transit), per side | \$ 176.40           |
| 2.15                              | Set of Lower Panels                      | \$ 3,426.97         |
| 2.16                              | Set of Front Doors                       | \$ 3,255.87         |
| 2.17                              | Set of Rear Doors                        | \$ 2,792.26         |
| 2.18                              | Door Motor                               | \$ 1,854.06         |
| 2.19                              | Rear Bumper                              | \$ 773.71           |
| 2.20                              | Front Bumper                             | \$ 761.31           |
| 2.21                              | Traction Motor                           | \$ 12,272.31        |
| 2.22                              | Traction Motor Controller                | \$ 7,279.93         |
| 2.23                              | Disk Brake Pad Set for one wheel         | \$ 1,813.53         |
| 2.24                              | Disk Brake Rotor                         | \$ 228.12           |

| SUPPORT     |  |                     |
|-------------|--|---------------------|
| Contract    |  |                     |
| Line Item # | Description  | Contract Unit Price |
| (CLIN)      |  |                     |
| 2.25        | Operator Training (per hour as indicated in Attachment F-Training Requirements, total 56 hours)        | \$ 208.34           |
| 2.26        | BEB Technician Training (per hour as indicated in Attachment F-Training Requirements, total 304 hours) | \$ 351.98           |
| 2.27        | Maintenance Packages Manual (per manual)   | \$ 741.00           |
| 2.28        | Preventative Maintenance and Procedure Manual (per manual)   | \$ 298.15           |
| 2.29        | Parts Manual (per manual)  | \$ 153.46           |
| 2.30        | Operator's Manual (per manual)   | \$ 87.69            |

<sup>\*</sup>Operating range approximated, and will vary with route conditions, weather, vehicle configuration and driver behavior.

## **Group 2 - 35 Foot Standard Low Floor Battery Electric Bus**

| Contractor   | Proterra    |
|--------------|-------------|
| Manufacturer | Proterra    |
| Model        | Catalyst XR |

| BASE BUS                    |  |                     |  |
|-----------------------------|--|---------------------|--|
| Contract Line Item # (CLIN) | l lescription  | Contract Unit Price |  |
| 2.1                         | 35 Foot Standard Low Floor Battery Electric Bus, 220 kWh battery pack with an operating range up to 124 miles*, meeting Attachment B, Technical Specification 2310-4399R2, dated 4/19/2019. Base warranty of 6yrs/250k miles on Energy Storage System (ESS). | \$ 689,000.00       |  |
| 2.2                         | Additional 220 kWh battery pack (operating range up to 227 miles*)   | \$ 100,000.00       |  |
| 2.3                         | Optional Extended Warranty 220 kWh ESS 6yrs/250K miles (total of 12yrs/500K miles)   | \$ 75,000.00        |  |

| OPTIONS                     |                      |                    |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Contract Line Item # (CLIN) | LIGGERATION          | Contract Mark-Up % |
| n/a                         | Options, (cost plus) | 3%                 |

| SPARE PARTS                 |  |                     |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------|--|---------------------|--|--|--|
| Contract Line Item # (CLIN) | l Description                            | Contract Unit Price |  |  |  |
| 2.4                         | Set Wiper Motors                         | \$ 239.00           |  |  |  |
| 2.5                         | Windshields (Standard Transit), per side | \$ 779.00           |  |  |  |
| 2.6                         | Set of Lower Panels                      | \$ 1,300.00         |  |  |  |
| 2.7                         | Set of Front Doors                       | \$ 4,596.00         |  |  |  |
| 2.8                         | Set of Rear Doors                        | \$ 4,871.00         |  |  |  |
| 2.9                         | Door Motor                               | \$ 2,500.00         |  |  |  |
| 2.10                        | Rear Bumper                              | \$ 1,100.00         |  |  |  |
| 2.11                        | Front Bumper                             | \$ 1,200.00         |  |  |  |
| 2.12                        | Traction Motor                           | \$ 9,000.00         |  |  |  |
| 2.13                        | Traction Motor Controller                | \$ 8,500.00         |  |  |  |
| 2.14                        | Disk Brake Pad Set for one wheel         | \$ 1,000.00         |  |  |  |
| 2.15                        | Disk Brake Rotor                         | \$ 900.00           |  |  |  |

| SUPPORT                        |   |          |              |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|---|----------|--------------|--|--|--|
| Contract Line<br>Item # (CLIN) | Description   | Contract | : Unit Price |  |  |  |
| 2.16                           | Operator Training (per hour as indicated in Attachment F-Training Requirements, total 56 hours) | \$       | 218.75       |  |  |  |
|                                | BEB Technician Training (per hour as indicated in Attachment F-Training Requirements, total 304 | \$       | 218.75       |  |  |  |
| 2.17                           | hours)  | Ψ        | 210.73       |  |  |  |
| 2.18                           | Maintenance Packages Manual (per manual)  | \$       | 300.00       |  |  |  |
| 2.19                           | Preventative Maintenance and Procedure Manual (per manual)                                      | \$       | 300.00       |  |  |  |
| 2.20                           | Parts Manual (per manual)   | \$       | 200.00       |  |  |  |
| 2.21                           | Operator's Manual (per manual)  | \$       | 100.00       |  |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup>Operating range approximated, and will vary with route conditions, weather, vehicle configuration and driver behavior.

| RESOLU | JTION: | 2022- |  |
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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AGENCY APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF THREE TRANSIT BUSES FROM PROTERRA IN THE AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$2,500,000 AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

**WHEREAS**, the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency utilizes Compressed Natural Gas vehicles for its public transportation operations; and

**WHEREAS**, California Clean Transit Rule requires transit agencies to gradually transition their fleet to zero-emission by 2040; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transit Agency has the ability to purchase zero emission transit buses through the California Department of General Services (DGS) purchasing contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT AGENCY, does hereby approve this purchase and directs staff to execute the necessary documents to acquire three buses from Proterra at a not-to-exceed cost of \$2,500,000.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022 by the Board of Directors of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency.

| 28 <sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.                   |   |
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| AYES:   |   |
| NOES:   |   |
| ABSTAIN:  |   |
| ABSENT:   |   |
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|   | Signed  |
|   | Jose Sigala                                     |
|   | Board Chair                                     |
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| ATTEST:   |   |
|   | olution 2022 was duly adopted by the            |
| thereof held on the 28 <sup>th</sup> day of March 202 | egional Transit Agency at a regular meeting 22. |
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| Signed  |   |
| Richard Tree  |   |
| Executive Director                                    |   |

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION** was passed and adopted by the Board of Directors

of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency at a regular meeting thereof held on the

#### Tulare County Regional Transit Agency

AGENDA ITEM VI-D
March 28, 2022
Prepared by Richard Tree, TCRTA Staff

#### **SUBJECT:**

**ACTION:** Approve the Creation of a Board Executive Committee and Reorganization of the Technical Advisory Committee

#### **BACKGROUND:**

At the Board meeting of August 1, 2020, the TCRTA Bylaws allow the creating of standing and ad hoc committees at its discretion. Standing committees may consider TCRTA related issues, on a continuing basis, assigned to it by the Board. Ad Hoc committees have specific duties and purpose and shall be considered dissolved when its final action has been made.

At the Board meeting of October 19, 2020, the Board of Directors established the following committees: an Ad hoc – Executive Director Search, Technical Operations, Policy, and Finance.

At the Board meeting of August 16, 2021, the Board of Directors dissolved the Ad hoc – Executive Director's Search committee, and consolidated the Technical Operations, Policy, and Finance subcommittees into a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The Technical Advisory Committee is currently comprised of Directors.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

To involve member agencies in the discussion of local transit needs, service planning, and projects, staff is recommending reorganizing the Technical Advisory Committee to be comprised of a representative from each member agency and a representative of the Tulare County Association of Governments. Like the Tulare County Association of Government's Technical Advisory Committee, the Technical Advisory Committee would meet the Thursday before the monthly Tulare County Regional Transit Agency board meeting.

To involve members of the Board of Directors on government affairs, human resources, budget and fiscal policy, funding and purchasing, administrative policy, ADA policy, marketing, ridership, service performance, and planning, etc. staff is recommending the creation of a Board Executive Committee to be comprised of four (4) members of the Board of Directors. If approved, the day and time of regular scheduled Board Executive Committee meetings will be established at the first meeting.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency Board of Directors:

 Approve the creation of a Board Executive Committee and assign four (4) members of the Board of Directors that will meet on a day and time to be determined at the first meeting; and

| 2. | Approve the Technical Advisory Committee reorganization to be comprised of a        |
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|    | representative from each member agency, a representative from the Tulare County     |
|    | Association of Governments, and meet the Thursday before the monthly board meeting. |
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#### **ATTACHMENT:**

None

#### **Tulare County Regional Transit Agency**

AGENDA ITEM V-E March 28, 2022 Prepared by Richard Tree, TCRTA Staff

#### **SUBJECT:**

Action: 2022 Meeting Schedule, Location, and Compensation

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Bylaws of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency states, "At its first meeting of each calendar year, the Board of Directors shall establish a schedule of regular meetings for that year, including date, time, and location for such meetings. Every regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at such date and time and at such location within the boundaries of the County of Tulare as so established and publicly noticed in the agenda for the meeting. Regular meetings of the Board may be cancelled or may be held on such other dates and/or at such other times and locations as may be approved by the Board or as directed by the Board's Chair.

At the January 24, 2022 board meeting, the Board of Directors approved the 2022 Meeting Schedule and Location.

Section 3 of the Joint Powers Agreement states, "The members of the Board shall serve without compensation but shall receive reimbursement for actual and necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties and outlined in accordance with policies established by the Board."

#### **DISCUSSION:**

To accommodate members of the Board of Directors who also serve on Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) and/or Tulare County Transportation Authority (TCTA) Boards, TCRTA has generally scheduled its Technical Advisory Committee meeting on the first Monday at 3:00 pm and the Board Meeting on the third Monday at 3:00 pm of each month. Additionally, general consideration is given, when determining the place and time for regular monthly meetings, to include public participation and having adequate public transportation access to participate.

Serving as the regional transportation agency, which is comprised of Directors and Alternates from each member agency located throughout Tulare County, inevitable time and travel requirements have been placed on members of the Board of Directors.

To encourage participation, their time, and their travel expenses to attend regular meetings, compensation of members of the board of directors is common. For example, the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency provides a compensation of fifty dollars (\$50) for attendance at regular meetings. Additionally, the Fresno Council of Governments provides a one hundred dollar (\$100) compensation for each meeting. Similarly, to TCRTA, several members of the board of directors serve on both boards and they hold meetings concurrently.

For transit agencies that are recognized as a special transit district, these agencies are governed by Public Utilities Code Section 24908 and may be compensated up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per month, subject to compliance with specific attendance requirements.

AC Transit, is one transit agency who compensates their members of the board of directors the full one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per month, plus reimbursement of actual and necessary travel and incidental expenses incurred while a director is on official business.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency Board of Directors:

- 1. Establish regular board meetings to be held, at 210 N. Church Street, Visalia, CA 93291, on the third Monday of each month at 6:00 pm;
- 2. Approve a \$250 meeting stipend for each member of the board of directors for attendance at regular meetings; and
- 3. Authorize staff to draft an amendment the Joint Powers Agreement, a board policy, and resolution establishing compensation for the members of the board of directors and reimbursement for expenses.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Compensation for members of the board of directors could coincide with the FY 2022 Budget and must be funded by local transportation funds (LTF).

#### **ATTACHMENT:**

2022 TCRTA and TAC Meeting Schedule and Location

2022 TCRTA and TAC Meeting Calendar with Meeting Locations

| TAC Meeting<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> Monday, 3:00 p.m.) | TCRTA Board Meeting<br>(3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday, 3:00 pm) | Location #  |  |  |
|--|--|---|--|--|
| January 3, 2022                                    | January 24, 2022*  | Tulare County Human Resources & Developmen<br>2500 W. Burrel Avenue   Visalia, CA 93291     |  |  |
| February 7, 2022                                   | February 28, 2022*                                       | Tulare County Human Resources & Development 2500 W. Burrel Avenue   Visalia, CA 93291       |  |  |
| March 7, 2022                                      | March 21, 2022   | Tulare County Human Resources & Development 2500 W. Burrel Avenue   Visalia, CA 93291       |  |  |
| April 4, 2022                                      | April 18, 2022   | Tulare Ag Auditorium<br>4437 S. Laspina   Tulare CA 93274                                   |  |  |
| May 2, 2022  | May 16, 2022   | Tulare County Human Resources & Development 2500 W. Burrel Avenue   Visalia, CA 93291       |  |  |
| June 6, 2022                                       | June 27, 2022  | Tulare County Human Resources & Development 2500 W. Burrel Avenue   Visalia, CA 93291       |  |  |
| July 11, 2022*                                     | July 18, 2022*   | TBD   |  |  |
| August 1, 2022                                     | August 15, 2022  | Woodlake Community Center<br>145 N. Magnolia Street   Woodlake, CA 93286                    |  |  |
| September 12, 2022*                                | September 19, 2022                                       | Lindsay Wellness Center<br>860 N. Sequoia   Lindsay, CA 93247                               |  |  |
| October 3, 2022                                    | October 17, 2022   | Porterville Fire Department Training Facility 500 N. Newcomb Street   Porterville, CA 93257 |  |  |
| November 7, 2022                                   | November 21, 2022*                                       | TBD   |  |  |
| December 5, 2022*                                  | December 19, 2022*                                       | TBD   |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Exception to standard board meeting dates is due to Holidays

<sup>#</sup> Meeting locations are subject to change.