



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Establishing a Policy for the Distribution of Tickets and Passes Pursuant to Fair Political Practices Commission Regulation 18944.1

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers the adoption of a Resolution establishing a Policy regarding the distribution of complimentary tickets and passes received by the City, pursuant to Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Regulation 18944.1.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion adopting **Resolution 2019-10**, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Merced, California, adopting a policy for the distribution of tickets and passes in accordance with FPPC Regulation 18944.1.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve as recommended by staff; or,
2. Approve with amendments (specify in motion); or,
3. Deny

AUTHORITY

City of Merced Charter, Section 200 and Section 201.
FPPC Regulations Section 18944.1.

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

As it applies to Government transparency.

DISCUSSION

Under specific circumstances, an agency's distribution of tickets or passes to entertainment events, sporting events, etc., does not result in a gift to the individuals who attend. The agency, as required by the FPPC, must adopt a written policy that identifies the public purpose served in distributing the tickets. Admission to certain events for an individual who performs a ceremonial role (e.g., ribbon cutting) also does not result in a gift to the individual if the required information is disclosed.

FPPC Form 802 is used by state and local government agencies to disclose detailed information about the distribution of tickets and passes, including the identity of persons who receive the tickets and passes and the public purpose of each ticket distribution. The Form 802 is also used to disclose information about ceremonial role events.

The FPPC posts on its website links to the completed Form 802s and the ticket distribution policies adopted by agencies.

The attached Policy complies with FPPC Regulation 18944.1. The Policy will apply to every officer, agent and employee of the City who is obligated to file an Annual Statement of Economic Interests (FPPC Form 700). Once adopted, the Ticket Policy will be in full force and provided to all employees of the City of Merced and to the FPPC as required. Additionally, the City website link to the Form 802 reporting page that is required by the FPPC, will be forwarded per the regulation.

IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution and Ticket Policy
2. Form 802