

1 Amend 2 Cal. Code Regs. Section 18950.4 to read:

2 **§ 18950.4. Exception: Payments for Travel in Connection with Campaign Activities.**

3 (a) ~~Except as provided in Section 18727.5, a~~ A payment made to an elected officer or
4 candidate official, who is a candidate for his or her transportation, lodging, or subsistence food is
5 a gift unless the transportation, lodging, or subsistence provided to the elected officer or
6 candidate is in “direct connection” with his or her campaign activities; ~~including attendance at~~
7 ~~political fundraisers~~ is a contribution to the campaign committee of that official.

8 (1) ~~Any payment made to an elected officer or candidate for his or her transportation,~~
9 ~~lodging, or subsistence, during the six month period prior to an election in which the elected~~
10 ~~officer or candidate is to be voted upon shall be considered “in direct” connection with campaign~~
11 ~~activities if the payment is for necessary transportation, lodging, or subsistence, used specifically~~
12 ~~for the purpose of the elected officer’s or candidate’s:~~

13 (A) ~~Participation in candidate forums, debates, or similar voter gatherings at which he or~~
14 ~~she makes a speech; or~~

15 (B) ~~Attendance at meetings with campaign staff or political consultants to develop or~~
16 ~~implement campaign strategy.~~

17 (2) ~~A payment made to an elected officer or candidate for necessary transportation to, or~~
18 ~~lodging and subsistence at, an event described in subdivision (a)(1)(A) or subdivision (a)(1)(B),~~
19 ~~but not made within the six month period prior to the election in which the elected officer or~~
20 ~~candidate is being voted upon, shall be considered gifts unless it is clear from the surrounding~~
21 ~~circumstances that the payment is made directly in connection with campaign activities.~~

1 ~~(b) When a payment is made to an elected officer or candidate for his or her necessary~~
2 ~~lodging and subsistence or transportation in direct connection with attendance at a political~~
3 ~~fundraiser or an event listed in subdivision (a)(1)(A) or subdivision (a)(1)(B), which fundraiser~~
4 ~~event is conducted to benefit another elected officer or candidate, or to benefit a committee as~~
5 ~~defined in Government Code Section 82013(a), the payment is a contribution to the officer,~~
6 ~~candidate, or committee benefitting from the fundraiser.~~

7 (b) A payment made to an official by or at the behest of a "committee," as defined in
8 Section 82013(a) (including a "controlled committee," or a comparable committee regulated
9 under federal law or the laws of another state) for the official's actual travel expenses (including
10 food and lodging) or for other actual and allowable campaign expenses of the committee is
11 neither income nor a gift to the official so long as the expenditures are reportable by the
12 committee in accordance with the provisions of Sections 84100, et seq. or applicable federal law
13 or the laws of the state in which the committee exists.

14 (c) Any other payment for travel from a committee to an official not covered by
15 subdivision (a) or (b) above, is income or a gift under the Act.

16 Note: Authority cited: Section 83112, Government Code. Reference: Sections 82015, ~~and~~ 82028,
17 ~~and~~ 82030, Government Code.