

1 Amend 2 Cal. Code Regs. Section 18703 to read:

2 **§ 18703. Economic Interests, Defined Public Generally.**

3 ~~For purposes of Title 2, Division 6, Chapter 7 of the California Code of Regulations, the~~  
4 ~~term "economic interest" includes the interests defined in Title 2, California Code of~~  
5 ~~Regulations, sections 18703.1 through 18703.5, inclusive.~~

6 ~~Note: Authority cited: Section 83112, Government Code. Reference: Sections 87100, 87102.5,~~  
7 ~~87102.6, 87102.8 and 87103, Government Code.~~

8 (a) General Rule. A governmental decision's financial effect on a public official's  
9 financial interest is indistinguishable from its effect on the public generally if the official  
10 establishes that a significant segment of the public is affected and the effect on his or her  
11 financial interest is not unique compared to the effect on the significant segment.

12 (b) A significant segment of the public is at least 25 percent of:

13 (1) All businesses or non-profit entities within the official's jurisdiction;

14 (2) All real property, commercial real property, or residential real property within the  
15 official's jurisdiction; or

16 (3) All individuals within the official's jurisdiction.

17 (c) A unique effect on a public official's financial interest includes a disproportionate  
18 effect on:

19 (1) The development potential or use of the official's real property or on the income  
20 producing potential of the official's real property or business entity.

21 (2) An official's business entity or real property resulting from the proximity of a project  
22 that is the subject of a decision.

1           (3) An official's interests in business entities or real properties resulting from the  
2 cumulative effect of the official's multiple interests in similar entities or properties that  
3 is substantially greater than the effect on a single interest.

4           (4) An official's interest in a business entity or real property resulting from the official's  
5 substantially greater business volume or larger real property size when a decision affects all  
6 interests by the same or similar rate or percentage.

7           (5) A person's income, investments, assets or liabilities, or real property if the person is a  
8 source of income or gifts to the official.

9           (6) An official's personal finances or those of his or her immediate family.

10          (d) "Jurisdiction" means the jurisdiction of the state or local government agency as  
11 defined in Section 82035, or the designated geographical area the official was elected to  
12 represent, or the area to which the official's authority and duties are limited if not elected.

13          (e) Specific Rules for Special Circumstances. The financial effect on a public official's  
14 financial interest is deemed indistinguishable from that of the public generally if the official  
15 establishes:

16          (1) Public Services and Utilities. The decision establishes or adjusts assessments, taxes,  
17 fees, or rates for water, utility, or other broadly provided public services or facilities that are  
18 applied equally, proportionally, or by the same percentage to the official's interest and other  
19 businesses, properties, or individuals subject to the assessment, tax, fee, or rate.

20          (2) General Use or Licensing Fees. The decision affects the official's personal finances as  
21 a result of an increase or decrease to a general fee or charge, such as parking rates, permits,  
22 license fees, application fees, or any general fee that applies to the entire jurisdiction.

1           (3) Limited Neighborhood Effects. The decision affects residential real property limited  
2 to a specific location, and the decision establishes, amends, or eliminates ordinances that restrict  
3 on-street parking, impose traffic controls, deter vagrancy, reduce nuisance or improve public  
4 safety, provided the body making the decision gathers sufficient evidence to support the need for  
5 the action at the specific location.

6           (4) Rental Properties. The decision affects all renters of residential property within the  
7 official's jurisdiction and only interests resulting from the official's leasehold interest in his or  
8 her residence are affected.

9           (5) Required Representative Interest. The decision is made by a board or commission and  
10 the law that establishes the board or commission requires certain appointees have a  
11 representative interest in a particular industry, trade, or profession or other identified interest, and  
12 the public official is an appointed member representing that interest. This provision applies only  
13 if the effect is on the industry, trade, or profession or other identified interest represented and  
14 there is no unique effect on the official's interest.

15           (6) State of Emergency. The decision is made pursuant to an official proclamation of a  
16 state of emergency when required to mitigate against the effects directly arising out of the  
17 emergency and there is no unique effect on the official's interest.

18           (7) Governmental Entities. The decision affects a federal, state, or local governmental  
19 entity in which the official has an interest and there is no unique effect on the official's interest.

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