

Legislative Law §1-c (j)(ii)

(ii) complimentary attendance, food and beverage offered by the sponsor of a widely attended event. The term “widely attended” shall mean an event:

(A) which at least twenty-five individuals other than members, officers, or employees from the governmental entity in which the public official serves attend or were, in good faith, invited to attend, and

(B) which is related to the attendee’s duties or responsibilities or which allows the public official to perform a ceremonial function appropriate to his or her position. For the purposes of this exclusion, a public official’s duties or responsibilities shall include but not be limited to either

(1) attending an event or a meeting which a speaker or attendee addresses an issue of public interest or concern as a significant activity at such event or meeting; or

(2) for elected public officials, or their staff attending with or on behalf of such elected officials, attending an event or meeting at which more than one-half of the attendees, or persons invited in good faith to attend, are residents of the county, district or jurisdiction from which the elected public official was elected;