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**Subject:** RE: campaign question?  
**Date:** Thursday, May 2, 2024 2:24:51 PM

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Good afternoon, Councilmember Batra:

As a follow up to my phone call on this, the San Jose Municipal Code ("SJMC"), does not prohibit a PAC which constitutes an "independent committee" under Section 12.06.120 of Title 12 from contributing to a candidate or a candidate's controlled committee.

All contributions received are subject to the campaign contribution limits of Part 2 and the reporting requirements of Part 9 of Chapter 12.06 of Title 12 of the SJMC.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

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**From:** Elections <[elections@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:elections@sanjoseca.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2024 11:50 AM  
**To:** CampaignGuidance <[SJElections@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:SJElections@sanjoseca.gov)>  
**Cc:** Batra, Arjun <[arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov)>; Taber, Toni <[toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:toni.taber@sanjoseca.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: campaign question?

Good morning,

Can you please advise Councilmember Batra with the below question?

Thanks so much,

Mitsy Ikegami  
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200 East Santa Clara Street – 14<sup>th</sup> Floor | San José, CA 95113  
[For a quick survey click here](#)

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**From:** Batra, Arjun <[arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 23, 2024 1:46:06 PM

**To:** Tolnay, Matthew <[Matthew.Tolnay@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Matthew.Tolnay@sanjoseca.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Urgent: campaign question?

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**From:** Batra, Arjun

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 23, 2024 1:10:57 PM

**To:** Tolnay, Matthew <[Matthew.Tolnay@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Matthew.Tolnay@sanjoseca.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Urgent: campaign question?

Please call me at [REDACTED] for a quick campaign question?

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**From:** Tolnay, Matthew <[Matthew.Tolnay@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Matthew.Tolnay@sanjoseca.gov)>

**Sent:** Thursday, February 22, 2024 3:06 PM

**To:** Wong, Amanda <[amanda.wong@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:amanda.wong@sanjoseca.gov)>; Batra, Arjun <[arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov)>

**Cc:** Batra, Arjun <[arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov)>; Arjun Batra <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** RE: Urgent: campaign question?

Good afternoon, Amanda and Councilmember Batra:

I am attaching the Campaign Activities Memorandum which speaks to these situations. Following the guidance contained therein, you may attend a “meet and greet” at the Almaden Community Center, a City-owned facility, when a room there has been rented by a person or organization and City funds are not spent on publicizing or staffing the event.

The section of the memorandum where this information can be found is located in Section 2. [Use of City Facilities](#), which states, “if a person or organization rents a City facility on the same terms and conditions as any other person or organization and City funds are not spent on publicizing or staffing the event, then the City cannot control the content of the event and the event can be partisan.”

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

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**From:** Wong, Amanda <[amanda.wong@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:amanda.wong@sanjoseca.gov)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 22, 2024 7:55 AM  
**To:** Batra, Arjun <[arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov)>; Tolnay, Matthew <[Matthew.Tolnay@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:Matthew.Tolnay@sanjoseca.gov)>  
**Cc:** Batra, Arjun <[arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov)>; Arjun Batra <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: Urgent: campaign question?

Good morning CM, looping in our elections attorney Matthew to assist with this campaign inquiry.

Best,

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City of San José | Office of the City Clerk  
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How is our service? Your [feedback](#) is appreciated!

**Please note:** Requests or inquiries outside of standard business hours (8am-5pm) may be addressed the following business day. For urgent after-hours inquiries please note your e-mail as such, and call my cell.

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**From:** Batra, Arjun <[arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 21, 2024 11:06:19 PM  
**To:** Wong, Amanda <[amanda.wong@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:amanda.wong@sanjoseca.gov)>  
**Cc:** Batra, Arjun <[arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:arjun.batra@sanjoseca.gov)>; Arjun Batra <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Urgent: campaign question?

One of the community member has invited me to a meet and greet. She says she has arranged to get a room at Almaden community center on her own ( with no help from me or my office). Please advise if there is any issue here or all good.  
Arjun Batra