

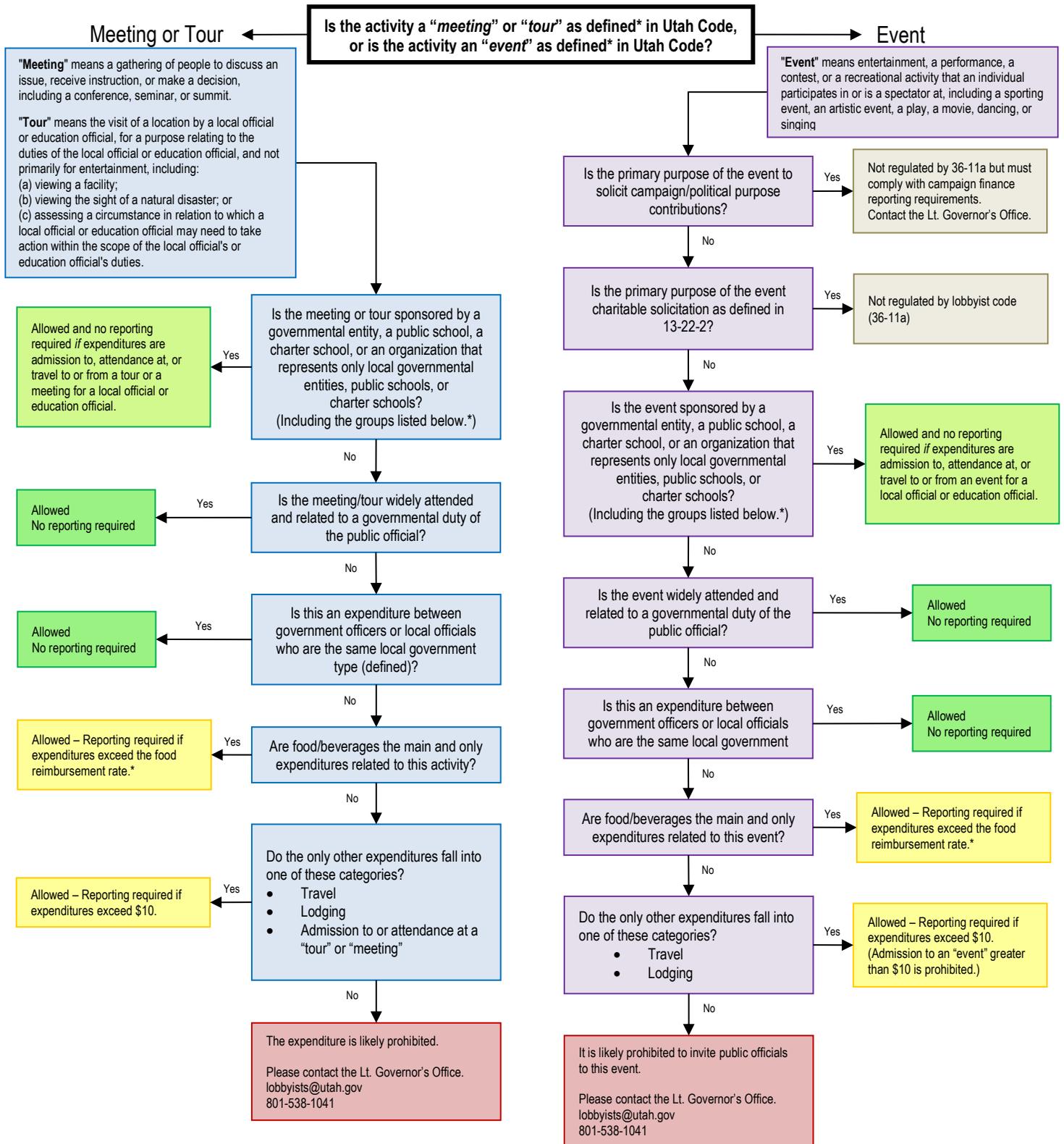
# Local & Education Lobbyists – Inviting Public Officials to Your Activity

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**DISCLAIMER:** This resource is not a substitute for Utah Code, and it is not intended to be a comprehensive statement of law. This is used to give some examples but does not cover every scenario. For further legal information, please consult Utah Code (36-11a), other appropriate legal resources, or contact the Utah Lieutenant Governor's Office.

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## Who is a local lobbyist? (Click here for FAQs.)



\*Defined Terms for Local Government and Board of Education Lobbyists (Utah Code Annotated [36-11a-102](#)):

**"Meeting"** means a gathering of people to discuss an issue, receive instruction, or make a decision, including a conference, seminar, or summit.

**"Tour"** means the visit of a location by a local official or education official, for a purpose relating to the duties of the local official or education official, and not primarily for entertainment, including:

- (a) viewing a facility;
- (b) viewing the sight of a natural disaster; or
- (c) assessing a circumstance in relation to which a local official or education official may need to take action within the scope of the local official's or education official's duties.

**"Event"** means entertainment, a performance, a contest, or a recreational activity that an individual participates in or is a spectator at, including a sporting event, an artistic event, a play, a movie, dancing, or singing.

**"Food reimbursement rate"** means [the total amount set by the director of the Division of Finance](#), by rule, under Section 63A-3-107, for in-state meal reimbursement, for an employee of the executive branch, for an entire day [\$43 as of May 2019].

**"Same local government type"** means

- for a county government, another county government;
- for a municipal government, another municipal government;
- for a local board of education, another local board of education;
- for a local district, another local district or a special service district; or
- for a special service district, another special service district or a local district.

A government officer or local official is not required to report an expenditure made by the government officer or local official to another government officer or local official if the government officer or local official making the expenditure is of the same local government type as the government officer or local official receiving the expenditure.

\* **When making expenditures, please keep the following in mind** (per Utah Code 36-11a-101(8)(b)(x)(A)):

"Expenditure" *does not mean* admission to, attendance at, or travel to or from an event, a tour, or a meeting for a local official or education official that is sponsored by a governmental entity, a public school, a charter school, or an organization that represents only local governmental entities, public schools, or charter schools, including the:

- Utah Association of Counties
- Utah League of Cities and Towns
- Utah Association of Special Districts
- Utah Association of Public Charter Schools
- Utah School Boards Association
- Utah School Superintendents Association