

1,200 Must File Annual Statement of Economic Interest Forms

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(March 13, 2003) Some 1,200 MTA employees who make or recommend decisions that have financial impact on the agency have until April 1 to complete the annual Form 700 Statement of Economic Interests.

The reporting requirement covers stocks, bonds and other interests employees may hold in companies doing business within LA County. Investments, property, income and business positions, loans, gifts worth \$50 or more and travel reimbursements also are among items that must be reported.

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"Filling out this form each year is required by law for public officials who make decisions that have a financial effect or who make recommendations to those decision makers within a public agency," says MTA Chief Ethics Officer Karen Gorman.

The requirement to keep the Statement of Economic Interest forms on file allows members of the public to see whether "a public official is making decisions on items in which they have a financial interest, and promotes the agency's core values of fiscal responsibility and integrity," she says.

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