# Day 1 – Ethics Exercise

Consider the following scenario and discuss the questions listed below in small groups.

***The Players:***

* **Bob** is the treasurer for a city government. He is attending GFOA’s annual conference.
* **Julie** is Bob’s supervisor and the finance director for the City. Julie is also attending the GFOA annual conference.

***The Situation:***

* The City has a gift policy. Employees are not allowed to accept anything valued at more than $25 from any vendor or contractor.
* Bob receives an invitation from the City’s Financial Advisor to attend a steak dinner and baseball game during the conference. Bob, aware of the City’s policy, knows that the value of the dinner and baseball tickets is more than $25 and declines.
* On the flight to the conference, Julie asks Bob whether he is going to the dinner and game. Bob references the policy and lets Julie know he declined.
* Julie received the same offer. Julie tells Bob that at conferences like this, everyone accepts those invitations and he shouldn’t worry about the policy. She also lets him know that the City policy is aimed at stopping corruption and awarding contracts based upon nepotism or personal relationships.

***The Decision:***

1. **What should Bob do?**

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1. **What is at stake?**

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1. **How would you handle the situation?**

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