

SAFEGUARDING OUR FUTURE

Beware of Foreign Gifts with Strings Attached



THREAT

» City-to-city partnership agreements could be used by foreign powers to advance a political goal or influence government decisions



IMPACT

- » What seems good for your city or state may undermine strategic U.S. interests
- » You may be manipulated to support a foreign malign narrative or hidden agenda
- » A foreign power may seek your support to gain a political or economic advantage
- » May receive sub-par donations while the donor receives a propaganda boon



MITIGATION

- » Be aware of the consequences of your actions—locally and nationally
- » Understand your role and the potential press coverage your acceptance will draw
- » Beware of those who would ask you to advance a position or lobby on behalf of another nation or group
- » Beware of gifts of “smart” technology with potential for storing/transferring sensitive data
- » Beware of requests for introductions or endorsements
- » Be vigilant in addressing distorted information publicized on social media platforms

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