THEATER SUBDISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
CODE OF ETHICS FOR MEMBERS, DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND STAFF

This Code of Ethics shall apply to all members, directors, officers of the TSC and staff to such members, directors and officers (“Covered Persons”) providing assistance to the Theater Subdistrict Council Local Development Corporation (“TSC”). These policies shall serve as a guide for official conduct and are intended to enhance the ethical and professional performance of covered persons, and to preserve public confidence in TSC’s mission.

This Code of Ethics is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state or federal laws governing conflicts of interest and the ethical duties applicable to not-for-profit corporations.

Responsibilities of Members, Directors, Officers and Staff

1. Covered Persons shall perform their duties with transparency, without favor, and shall refrain from engaging in outside matters of financial or personal interest that could impair independence of judgment or prevent the proper exercise of official duties.

2. Covered Persons shall not directly or indirectly, make, advise, or assist any person to make any financial investment based upon information available through their official position that could create any conflict between their public duties and interests and their private interests.

3. Covered Persons shall not accept or receive any gift or gratuities where the circumstances would permit the inference that the gift is intended to influence the individual in the performance of official business, or that the gift constitutes a tip, reward, or sign of appreciation for any official act. Gifts subject to this provision may take the form of financial payments, services, loans, travel reimbursement, entertainment, hospitality, thing or promise from any entity doing business with or before the TSC. In the event that a Covered Person receives any such gift or gratuity, he or she shall immediately notify the Chairperson of the Governance Committee in order to make proper disposition of such gift or gratuity. Notwithstanding the foregoing, meals and gifts that are permissible and not deemed valuable under §2604(b)(5) of the Charter of the City of New York and implementing regulations, as defined in Title 53 of the Rules of the City of New York, shall neither require reporting nor violate this policy.

4. Covered Persons shall not use or attempt to use their official position with the TSC to secure unwarranted privileges for themselves, members of their family or others, including grants or contracts with the TSC.

5. Covered Persons must conduct themselves at all times in a manner that avoids any appearance that they can be improperly or unduly influenced, that they could be affected by the position of or relationship with any other party, or that they are acting in violation of their public trust.

6. Except as otherwise authorized pursuant to the TSC policy on Conflicts of Interest, Covered Persons may not engage in any transaction with an outside entity in which they have a direct or indirect financial interest that may reasonably conflict with the proper discharge of their official duties.

7. Except as otherwise authorized pursuant to the TSC policy on Conflicts of Interest, Covered Persons may not engage in any transaction with an outside entity in which they hold a position as trustee, director, officer, member or employee.
8. Covered Persons shall manage all matters within the scope of the TSC’s mission independent of any other affiliations or employment. Members, directors, officers and staff shall strive to fulfill their professional responsibility to the TSC without bias and shall support the TSC mission to the fullest.

9. Covered Persons shall not use TSC property or resources or disclose information acquired in the course of their official duties in a manner inconsistent with State or local law and the TSC’s mission and goals.


**Reporting Unethical Behavior**

Covered Persons shall report unethical behavior to the Chairperson of the Governance Committee.

**Implementation of Code of Ethics**

The Chairperson of the Governance Committee shall have the following duties:

- Counsel in confidence Covered Persons who seek advice about ethical behavior.
- Record the receipt and disposition of gifts or gratuities reported by Covered Persons.
- Receive and record reported ethical violations.
- Receive and investigate complaints regarding ethics violations.
- Dismiss complaints found to be without substance.
- Refer all matters to the Governance Committee, where further actions or investigations are deemed necessary.

In addition to any penalty contained in other provisions of law, if a Covered Person violates any provision of this Code of Ethics, the Governance Committee may prepare a report of its findings. Such report shall be submitted to the board and shall include suggested remedies that are appropriate under the circumstances.

An assessment of the effectiveness of this Code of Ethics shall be prepared annually by the Governance Committee.