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Good Morning

I am writing to the Ethics Commission regarding their meeting today. There is no agenda item specific, so I am making my comments on non-agendized items.

"Good Afternoon Chair and Commissioners, my name is Mike Murchison, and I am a registered lobbyist in LB. As such, I have to submit twice a year reports to the City Clerk on a list of my existing and new clients and who I have been lobbying. However, as I mentioned before to your group prior to COVID; I am concerned that there is a lack of ethics by certain groups/individuals that are lobbying the city staff and city council on numerous issues and being compensated for that lobbying by the groups they represent. That is a clear violation of the city's lobbying ordinance and yet there has been no push to hold those individuals accountable. I am asking that your commission work with the City Clerk's office and strengthen the ordinance and advocate that the City Clerk's office identify those individuals and advise them that they are required to register. This would help with transparency, which is a key point for an Ethics Commission. Thank You for your time and stay safe and healthy.

Best Regards,
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