

eComments Report for Ethics Commission Meeting of May 10, 2023

Item	Name	E-Mail	Address	Comment	Received
2. (23-033EC) Recommendation to discuss a recommendation to the City Manager regarding the Draft Vendor Code of Conduct by the Ad Hoc Committee; and, if appropriate, take any necessary related actions to said recommendation.	Randel King	randelking240@gmail.com		Government advocacy in the nonprofit arts simply means expressing a viewpoint to policymakers to try to positively influence the arts in America. Elected public officials owe their jobs to voting citizens and should want to hear from voters. They should expect "regular people" to lobby, not political or technical experts. Arts organizations generally enjoy good standing in their communities. Arts organizations can and should lobby, as lobbying is just another term for freedom of speech. If arts organizations do not lobby legislators, we are inviting our opponents to be the only voices heard. Vital areas of legislation have a tremendous impact on the arts, and it is up to arts supporters and organizations to advocate for the field at large. Randel King, MD, FACP, FCCP, MA, MBA, Treasurer, Arts Council for Long Beach, Board of Directors of CSULB Japanese Garden, and a 45 year resident of District #3	5/9/2023
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3. (23-034EC) Recommendation to discuss the progress report from the Ad Hoc Committee on the Lobbyist Ordinance recommendation.	Marc Davidson	banjowithmarco@gmail.com		I encourage the Ad Hoc Committee to re-assess their current recommendations pertaining to a Lobbyist Ordinance, specifically as it impacts the non-profit community of Long Beach. Non-profits are a vital part to serving the disenfranchised and most in need of outreach, by providing services that typically will not come from the City's limited resources. Communication with city officials who represent the diverse constituency of the City of Long Beach is not only vital to the non-profits, but critical in maintaining an open and transparent dialogue on such areas such as homelessness, education, the creative arts, and cultural interface. Please do not label non-profits as lobbyists, restricting and impairing their partnership with the City. Please focus on our community of Long Beach, not Los Angeles, as you provide recommendations to the Council.	5/10/2023