

**eComments Report for Ethics Commission Meeting of March 8, 2023**

Item	Name	E-Mail	Address	Comment	Received
3. (22-043EC) Recommendation to discuss amendments proposed to the Lobbyists Ordinance (Long Beach Municipal Code Chapter 2.08) by the Ad Hoc Committee on the Lobbyist Ordinance, including, community outreach options; and if appropriate, provide a recommendation to the City Council regarding the same and dissolve the Lobbyist Ordinance Ad Hoc Committee.	Kathryn Miles	kathryn.miles@tiche norclinic.org	8/10/2148	<p>I am the executive director of a nonprofit organization in Long Beach &amp; I oppose the proposed change to include nonprofit organizations in the city's lobbying ordinance. Nonprofits are required by law to limit our lobbying activities or we lose our tax-exempt status. When nonprofit organizations engage in advocacy we are doing so on behalf of the individuals we serve, most of whom are underrepresented. We are here to serve the public interest.</p> <p>I am in favor of transparency and the nonprofit sector has checks &amp; balances in place to facilitate this. We report on our finances annually to the state and federal governments. These reports are public record. To require additional reporting beyond the reporting we already provide to government entities, donors and funders would place an undue burden on our staff, taking time away from activities that support our mission. I ask you to reconsider the proposed changes and continue to exempt nonprofits from the lobbying ordinance in Long Beach.</p>	3/7/2023
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