

CITY OF LONG BEACH
ETHICS COMMISSION
Ad Hoc Committee on the Lobbyist Ordinance

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Ethics Commission
City of Long Beach
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RE: Ad Hoc Committee on the Lobbyist Ordinance Report for March 9 Meeting

The Ad Hoc Committee on the Lobbyist Ordinance (Committee) met on February 21, 2022. We concluded that additional information would be needed before we could develop any recommendations for substantive changes in the City's lobbyist ordinances or policies. The information needed includes the items listed below.

- Legislative history for the current City ordinance regarding lobbying.
- Comparable lobbying ordinance/requirements and how they are enforced/monitored for the following cities: Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego, Oakland and San Jose.
- Policies and procedures of the California Coastal Commission (CCC) requiring Commissioner's disclosure during public meetings of any contact on matters before the CCC and any history of how that requirement was developed/implemented
- Copies of the Mayor's and City Councilmembers' calendars for the last six months of 2019, if available.

The Committee has requested assistance from staff in obtaining the information.

The Committee has also asked staff for clarification about the provisions of LBMC Section 2.08.130 regarding identification of a lobbyist speaking at a Council meeting, how "fake" communications (BOTs) to electeds or other public officials could be identified, the capacity of the City to advise electeds that the agenda items before them possibly create a conflict with the information on their Form 700s, as well as any recommendations regarding the lobbyist ordinance that staff may have at this point.

To allow staff time to reply and for the Committee to consider the replies and formulate further recommendations, the Committee suggests the Ad Hoc Committee be continued for another month to allow for that work to occur. If the Commission has suggestions of other issues that the Ad Hoc Committee should consider, we welcome their input.

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Sincerely,

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