

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

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Ethics Commission  
City of Long Beach  
411 West Ocean Boulevard  
Long Beach, CA 90802

**RE: Ad Hoc Committee on the Lobbyist Ordinance Report for May 11 Meeting**

The Ad Hoc Committee on the Lobbyist Ordinance met on April 25 and May 6. City staff provided calendars for the requested time period (last 6 months of 2019) from: Council Districts 4 (Supernaw), 5 (Mungo), 7 (Uranga), and 8 (Austin). We expect the remaining two Council calendars (District 3 (Price) and District 9 (Richardson) within the next two weeks. We also are waiting to receive the Mayor's calendar. [Because Council Districts 1, 2, and 6 changed representatives after the requested time period and more than 1 year ago, their calendars are no longer available for the time period requested.]

Based upon review of the calendars received to date, it appears that the calendars are of somewhat limited utility as tools to improve transparency into the impact of lobbying on city government decision-making. They do, however, provide a window into possible improvements the Commission may recommend to the lobbyist disclosure reports and the Municipal Code definition of "lobbyist."

Following receipt and review of the remaining calendars, the Ad Hoc Committee plans to prepare a report with examples of substantive policy meetings between Council members and entities that are currently exempt from the lobbying ordinance, such as non-profit organizations, neighborhood groups, and labor unions not certified to represent City employees. We will also review the Mayor's calendar for such meetings and report our findings.

That report will support a Study Session by the entire Commission and close out the Ad Hoc Committee's work.

Sincerely,

Susan Wise, Chair  
Margo Morales, Vice Chair  
Barbara A. Pollack, Commissioner