

Questions for Public Meeting on Proposed Changes to Lobbyist [Ordinance](#)

The City Charter, as amended by the voters of Long Beach, directs the Ethics Commission to make recommendations regarding the City lobbying laws, among other topics. [See Charter Article XXIV, Section 2402 – Powers and Duties of the Ethics Commission](#). At this time, the Commission is exploring whether to recommend an increase in information available to the public where a communication may influence the decisions of City officials. The purpose of this survey is to get input from the public about what information should be collected and how.

“City officials” in the questions below means elected officials, Members of City Boards and Commissions, and City Department heads.

1. Do you think that information about communications between City officials and organizations should be made available to the public?

Yes

No
2. If you answered yes to Question 1, please select all subjects that you want to know about when discussed with City officials by persons acting on behalf of businesses or non-profit entities:
 - a. Land use and zoning
 - b. Homeless issues
 - c. Housing issues, rent control, development
 - d. Business licenses
 - e. Street Vendors and Food Trucks
 - f. Language Justice
 - g. Youth Programs
 - h. Tax proposals
 - i. City’s annual budget and staffing allocations
 - j. Public safety issues
 - k. Utilities
 - l. Port of Long Beach
 - m. Cannabis
 - n. Arts and Culture
 - o. Health
 - p. Mental Health
 - q. Parks, marina, beaches, and open spaces
 - r. Libraries
 - s. Animal Care
 - t. City owned property, such as, the Queen Mary, the Convention Center, the Ranchos
 - u. Other: (Please fill in the blank)

3. If you answered yes to Question 1, which communications with City officials do you think should be disclosed? Please check all that apply:
- a. Communications with paid lobbyists, both those employed by an organization or acting as a consultant.
 - b. Communications with representatives of a non-profit service organization.
 - i. Representatives of all non-profit service organizations.
 - ii. Representatives of non-profit service organizations only with operating budgets above \$2 million. Service non-profits with operating budgets under \$2 million should be exempt.
 - iii. Representatives of non-profit service organizations only with operating budgets above \$5 million. Service non-profits with operating budgets under \$5 million should be exempt.
 - c. Communications with labor unions that do not represent the interest of City employees.
 - d. Communications with neighborhood organizations.
 - e. Communications with industry trade associations or chambers of commerce.
4. Who should be required to report communications with City officials? Please check all that apply.
- a. City officials should report the meeting.
 - b. Lobbyists should report the meeting.
 - c. Nonprofit organizations should report the meeting.
 - d. Labor Unions should report the meeting.
 - e. Neighborhood organizations should report the meeting.
 - f. Industry trade associations or chamber of commerce should report the meeting.
 - g. No one should be required to report these communications.
5. If you checked anything other than g in question 4 above, how often should such reports be filed?
- i. Every month
 - ii. Every three months
 - iii. Every six months
 - iv. Other (Fill in the blank)
6. What information should be collected about communications between City officials and organizations? Please select all that apply:
- a. When did they communicate
 - b. Topic of the communication
 - c. Position on the topic (i.e., for or against an issue)
 - d. Any materials shared
 - e. No information
 - f. Other: (Fill in the blank)

7. Are you a resident of Long Beach?
8. What Council district do you live in?
9. Are you a lobbyist, as currently defined by the Long Beach Municipal Code?
(add link to Code, if possible)
10. Do you act on behalf of any group or organization that meets with City officials about changes in policy and/or how the City spends public dollars?
11. Please add any additional comments: