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Comments for Public Posting: Imagine watching your elected officials, who hoot and crow about rules and decorum until they are red in the face, crafting your city's ETHICS rules around political pressure from special interests? How do you look at yourself in the mirror? You are going to make people who are currently lobbyists be "not lobbyists" for reasons.* We all know what this is about. We heard it in the LA FED tapes from Rob Herrera himself. "That should [bring] fear in people," Herrera said in a private conversation that was recorded and leaked to the public. "If you f— us, we'll campaign against you. Political power," he added. "That's what this is all about" Grow a fucking backbone and do the right thing. Stop being scared and self interested and make this city better. *political power, campaign donations, independent expenditures, the status fucking quo.

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Comments for Public Posting: A robust and enforceable municipal lobbying ordinance is essential in the city of Los Angeles to prevent corruption and ensure fair representation of all stakeholders in decision-making processes. In recent years, there have been several examples of corruption in the city involving lobbyists, including the infamous pay-to-play scandal. This scandal involved bribes paid by developers to city officials in exchange for favorable treatment on building projects, and it highlights the need for stronger regulations to prevent similar incidents in the future. Moreover, the influence of money in politics has been a growing concern in the United States, and cities like Los Angeles have been particularly affected. In many cases, lobbyists can use their financial resources to sway decision-makers, resulting in policies that may not be in the best interest of the public. Therefore, a robust and enforceable lobbying ordinance that ensures transparency and accountability in the lobbying process is crucial to ensure that all stakeholders are represented fairly. On the other hand, broad exemptions for labor unions and nonprofits in a lobbying ordinance can undermine the integrity of the regulation. While these groups may represent noble causes, they are not immune to corruption or undue influence in the decision-making process. In fact, there have been instances of labor unions and nonprofits engaging in unethical practices to advance their agendas. Therefore, a strong and comprehensive lobbying ordinance must apply equally to all lobbyists, regardless of their affiliations. This will ensure that the public can have confidence in the integrity of the decision-making process and that all voices are heard equally.