

February 27, 2025

The Honorable City Council
c/o Holly Wolcott, City Clerk
200 North Spring Street
City Hall—3rd Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Amendments to the Municipal Lobbying Ordinance

Dear Councilmembers:

On May 5, 2022, the Ethics Commission transmitted a set of comprehensive recommendations to update the Municipal Lobbying Ordinance (Council File No. 22-0560). The recommendations are set to expire next month on March 17, 2025.

While there were two robust Council Committee hearings, in the first part of 2023, on updating the Municipal Lobbying Ordinance, there have not been any further hearings. It is of the utmost importance that the City Council take all action necessary to prevent the expiration of this Council item. Comprehensive changes to the lobbying ordinance have not been adopted since the ordinance was originally enacted in 1994. The updates recommended by the Ethics Commission in 2022 reflect experiences gained through three decades of administering the lobbying program and will provide needed clarity for both regulated parties and the public.

A majority of the City's Neighborhood Councils have also weighed in on the importance of the City Council acting on the Ethics Commission's recommendations. I also note that the voters reinforced the importance of the City Council hearing the Ethics Commission's recommendations by the overwhelming passage of Charter Amendment ER.

I urge you to take whatever action is required to prevent the expiration of Council File Number 22-0560. Thank you for considering this important policy matter.

Sincerely,



Jeffery Daar
Commission President