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City Ethics Commission Seeks to Limit Financial Ties to City Decision-Makers

Commission Supports Several of the Mayor's Campaign Finance Proposals

Today, the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission voted in concept to support a law that would prohibit the City's registered lobbyists from fundraising for and as acting as paid campaign consultants for City of Los Angeles elected officials and candidates. Further, the Commission voted to support a requirement for elected officials to disclose publicly whenever they ask others to contribute to a charity, ballot measure committee, candidate or political party. With their support, a majority of the Commission expressed its interest in limiting the financial relationships between the City's top decision-makers and those who attempt to influence them. The Commission will consider the proposals further at its June meeting at which the staff will provide a draft ordinance.

The Commission considered five campaign finance proposals by Mayor James Hahn. While supporting three, the Commission voted to reject or further study others. Next month, the Commission will look at the Mayor's proposal to prohibit City contractors and bidders from making campaign contributions and engaging in fundraising activities. The Commission expressed its concern that the ban as proposed would not include those who contract or bid on contracts with the Departments of Water and Power, Harbor and Airports. The Commission has asked the staff to provide an alternative proposal to address this concern.

The Commission's discussions will continue next month when it is scheduled to meet on June 8.

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