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## **Council Approves Ethics Reforms to Promote Open Government**

### **New Laws Include a Ban on Paid Lobbying by Members of City Panels and a Limit on Contract Involvement by Individual Commissioners**

By a vote of 12-0, the Los Angeles City Council today unanimously approved four key ethics reforms, which were recommended by the City Ethics Commission during the past year, to promote open and fair governmental decision making, better access to public information about lobbying activities in the City, and improved compliance by City candidates' campaigns. Following an appearance in Council by newly-elected Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa to urge his former colleagues to adopt the proposals, the Council approved new laws that included [a ban on City board and commission members from being paid to lobby Los Angeles City government during their tenure](#), and [a ban to prevent individual commissioners from participating in contract development, evaluation, review or awarding](#) without the open, public action of the full commission or a commission subcommittee.

"We look forward to putting these important principles into practice," said Commission Executive Director LeeAnn Pelham. "The proposals approved today are vital steps to reassure the public, and particularly those who do business with the City of Los Angeles, that governmental decisions are fair, open and are made only on the merits."

The two other Commission recommendations approved today will, beginning January 1, 2006, [require lobbyists to file their quarterly public disclosure reports online](#) at the City Ethics Commission's website (<http://ethics.lacity.org>), and [require City candidates' campaign consultants and fundraisers to attend an Ethics Commission briefing on city campaign laws](#).

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