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## **Lobbyists Must Disclose Their Identity In Writing**

**Council Votes to Require Those Lobbying Neighborhood Councils**

**Via Written Communications To Identify Themselves and Their Client**

By a 12-0 vote today, the Los Angeles City Council approved a new law that will require lobbyists to identify themselves in any written communication they send to Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils. The law is meant to address concerns that Neighborhood Council community activists may not be aware that a person advocating a position on a matter before them is paid to represent a client on the issue. If approved by the Mayor, the law will require all written communications from lobbyists — including letters, faxes, electronic messages and flyers -- to contain a legible disclaimer identifying the name of the lobbyist and the client paying for the communication.

Any person who earns \$4,000 in a calendar quarter to attempt to influence municipal legislation, which can include matters before a Neighborhood Council, must register as a lobbyist with the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission and publicly disclose their lobbying activities each calendar quarter. The Commission maintains a list of all registered lobbyists on its website at <http://ethics.lacity.org> and summarizes lobbyists' quarterly reports for the public. Questions about the City's lobbyist registration and reporting requirements or the new written disclosure law should be directed to the Commission at (213) 978-1976.

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