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TO: Lobbyist Registration And Campaign Finance Committee
FROM: Daniel Purnell
DATE: May 10, 2010

RE: A Staff Report And Action To Be Taken On Proposed Amendments To The Lobbyist Registration Act

At its meeting of January 4, 2010, the Commission requested the Lobbyist Registration And Campaign Finance Committee to review a proposed set of amendments to the Lobbyist Registration Act (LRA). Some of these amendments have been before the Commission for at least a year; others have evolved from the Commission's ongoing discussion and public comment. A copy of all the currently proposed amendments is attached to this memorandum in "redline" format. ***Attachment 1.*** Commission staff has annotated the proposed redline to provide a history of the Commission's prior action and rationale.

As the attached redline demonstrates, there are still two significant issues pending: 1) whether and to what extent volunteer members of organizations should be required to register as lobbyists and report their activities; and 2) in what format should the current provisions regulating the conduct of "contractors" and "persons doing business with the City" be implemented outside of the provisions of the LRA.

The Committee needs to determine whether to submit some version of the attached amendments to the Commission and the City Council relatively soon, or to wait until these additional two issues are developed, debated and resolved before forwarding the entire package of recommendations. Given the ongoing need for clarification with respect to matters the Commission has already discussed and tentatively resolved, Commission staff recommends the first course of action after the Committee has thoroughly reviewed and made any further revisions to the attached proposal.

Respectfully submitted,
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