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TO: Public Ethics Commission
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RE: A Staff Report And Action To Be Taken Regarding Proposed Amendments To The Oakland Lobbyist Registration Act (O.M.C. Chapter 3.20)

At its meeting of November 2, 2009, the Commission directed staff to make several revisions to a set of proposals for amending the Lobbyist Registration Act (LRA) previously submitted by Commissioner Wiener. The Commission also directed staff to include proposed language relating to late filing penalties and registration fees. Attached to this memorandum is a working "redline" of the proposed amendments as revised by the Commission. ***Attachment 1.*** Staff has annotated comments into the text explaining the most recent revisions.

With the most recent revisions, the Commission is close to recommending a final set of amendments to the LRA to the City Council. Still requiring further Commission consideration are the issues of 1) the point at which volunteer members of organizations should be required to register as lobbyists and report their activities; and 2) whether and 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 Commission needs to determine whether to submit some version of the attached amendments to the City Council for consideration relatively soon, or to wait until these additional two issues are developed, debated and resolved before sending an entire package of recommendations to the City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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