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Under section 48.08.8 of the [current lobbying ordinance](#), a lobbyist disclosure is only required for written communications to neighborhood councils. We believe the ordinance should be updated to include the same disclosure when a lobbyist makes an oral presentation or public comment to a neighborhood council that is related to their lobbying efforts. Accordingly, we strongly agree with section 48.11 of the draft municipal lobbying ordinance under consideration. The City's neighborhood councils continue to meet telephonically due to COVID-19, and it is widely expected that this will continue in at least some form even when/if the pandemic passes. Additionally, under AB 361, we are prohibited from requiring "speaker cards," which is a customary method by which lobbying disclosures were made. While SLNC can require a disclosure for its own meetings, that disclosure has no teeth for enforcement as it is not an ordinance, and it also does not address the other 98 neighborhood councils which similarly serve as elected advisory bodies to the city.

In addition, the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council requests a similar lobbying disclosure for city council and committee meetings to ensure that the public is fully aware of the associations of all speakers who are paid lobbyists. We strongly urge the City Council to adopt this change for the sake of much-needed transparency. In addition, we support the proposed changes regarding who needs to register as a lobbyist and more robust enforcement of the MLO.

The Municipal Lobbying Ordinance is long overdue for an update and [we join with over 35 other neighborhood councils](#) in calling for one that will increase transparency in the neighborhood councils and at City Hall.

In Service,
Silver Lake Neighborhood Council


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YES:18 NO:0 ABSTAIN:0 ABSENT:1 INELIGIBLE:0
ON THIS DATE: December 7, 2022