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Summary: Council File: 22-0560 To: City Council and Committees SUPPORT The Palms Neighborhood Council supports changes to the municipal lobbying ordinance regarding Neighborhood Councils. Under the current lobbying ordinance, lobbyist disclosure is only required for written communications to Neighborhood Councils. This means that paid lobbyists are verbally addressing Neighborhood Councils at their meetings with the NCs being aware the person talking is a lobbyist. If we were meeting in person and using speaker cards, the lobbyists would identify themselves on the speaker cards, but NCs are not using speaker cards in the current zoom meeting model. Lobbyist disclosure is important for process transparency. Neighborhood Councils need to have sufficient information to distinguish comments from interested stakeholders and those from paid lobbyists. Even when using speaker cards at in-person meetings, not all board members see those cards so all board members may not be operating from the same information. Additionally, the Palms Neighborhood Council would like to see similar legislation governing City Council and Committee meetings. Stakeholders participating in such meetings have the right to know which speakers are paid lobbyists. This is essential for an open and corruption-free government.