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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(12) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: The North Westwood Neighborhood Council (NWWNC) supports the changes to the municipal lobbying ordinance (MLO) regarding neighborhood councils. We also request the consideration of changes to a few minor areas of the draft MLO that we believe will benefit transparency in the city. We urge the Committee Chair to schedule this Council File for consideration and a vote in the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. 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. Therefore, we deeply agree with section 48.11 of the draft municipal lobbying ordinance under consideration. As you may be aware, 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 where traditionally lobbying disclosures had happened on our council. In addition, NWWNC would like to request a similar lobbying disclosure for City Council and committee meetings. This announcement could either be done by the lobbyist or by the presiding officer of the meeting, in order to ensure that the public is fully aware of the associations of all speakers who are paid lobbyists. Lastly, NWWNC urges the City Council to adopt a nonprofit exemption of \$200,000 in revenue or \$500,000 in assets, instead of the proposed \$2,000,000. This change aligns with the IRS tax filing system and would essentially allow any nonprofit that files a 990-N or 990-EZ to gain exemption.