

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Please, see attached document. Public Comment for Council File Municipal Lobbying Ordinance / Updates (CF 22-0560). For Clarification: I am speaking as an Individual Only!

September 26, 2022

City Councilmembers
Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles. CA 90017

Honorable City Councilmembers:

Speaking as an individual only, I write to urge you to support changes to the Municipal Lobbying Ordinance (MLO) regarding neighborhood councils. As a board member of the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council (SVANC), I am concerned that Lobbyists will attempt to exploit loopholes in the Municipal Lobbying Ordinance (MLO) which has not been updated since 1994. Lobbyists have exploited this to their advantage by not disclosing who they are and/or who they work for and/or paid for. I am skeptical of lobbyists and what they do. They have bad intentions, in most cases. They are paid to influence city council and neighborhood councils to do what they want us to do without giving a second thought. I am concerned that they have bad intentions and want to do harm to our communities without the community in which we serve having any knowledge of what is going on in their neighborhoods and communities.

I want Accountability, Transparency and Honesty in our city council and government, including from lobbyists.

I hope you'll take the time to hear our concerns

Sincerely,
Lionel Mares, MPA
Council District 6