

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I am the treasurer of the Palms Neighborhood Council and will be its president on July 1. Nobody lives in this City who is not impacted by the corruption in and around City Hall. When somebody makes a public comment, be it at the City Council or at a Neighborhood Council, we deserve to know if the person is a paid lobbyist. Having the information on a public comment card is insufficient. Everybody listening needs to know. This council file tightens our ethics rules in a way that gives the system a fighting chance to clean itself up. Identification of lobbyists is only one piece of the puzzle. I support this motion along with the amendment put forward by Councilmember Raman and hope the City Council will do the right thing and pass it.

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Name: Dana Cohn

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Comments for Public Posting: I am an attorney and I reside within the City of Los Angeles. Many of my clients are cities, but Los Angeles is not a client. I strongly support the Municipal Lobbying Ordinance's ("MLO") passage because transparency leads to greater confidence in government. With greater confidence in government, we are able to work together better, to create a stronger City. The Council should also pass the MLO because it will lead to less City and insurance funds (including monthly fees and deductibles) being spent on lawsuits. I specialize in litigation and most lawsuits involving public entities cost at least \$100,000 in attorney's fees BEFORE going to trial. The MLO will save the City money by decreasing the chance lawsuits are filed, due to a decrease in improper and unethical communications between lobbyists and City personnel. This money may then be spent on projects all Los Angelenos desire, such as better streets, housing for low-income persons, and well-trained police officers. Thank you and please consider voting in support of the MLO.