

Introduced by: Councilmember Cohen, *Clarke, Henry, Young, Dorsey, Bullock*

Prepared by: Department of Legislative Reference

Date: April 17, 2018

Referred to: JUDICIARY AND LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS Committee

*Purrier
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Kisinger
Middleton
Burdett*

Also referred for recommendation and report to municipal agencies listed on reverse.

CITY COUNCIL 18-0230

AN ORDINANCE concerning

Ethics Code – Transparency in Lobbying Act

FOR the purpose of requiring quarterly rather than annual lobbying reports from lobbyists; requiring the Ethics Board to post lobbying reports online within 30 days of their receipt; requiring that lobbyists affirmatively identify themselves and their clients when engaging in lobbying activities; allowing the Ethics Board to prohibit a person found to have violated the lobbying provisions of the Ethics Code from lobbying City public servants for up to 3 years; clarifying and conforming related provisions; and generally relating to the regulation of lobbyists.

BY repealing and reordaining, without amendments

Article 8 - Ethics
Section(s) 8-1(f), and 8-6 to 8-9
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

*Burdett
John Bullock
Henry Dorsey
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BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

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Section(s) 8-16, 8-18, 8-19, 8-42, 9-5 and 9-22
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

*Edwin H. Keiser
Margaret Oake
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BY adding

Article 8 - Ethics
Section(s) 8-27
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CITY OF BALTIMORE
ORDINANCE **18-198**
Council Bill 18-0230

Introduced by: Councilmembers Cohen, Clarke, Henry, President Young, Councilmembers
Dorsey, Bullock, Pinkett, Schleifer, Scott, Sneed, Reisinger, Stokes, Middleton, Burnett
Introduced and read first time: April 23, 2018
Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee
Committee Report: Favorable with amendments
Council action: Adopted
Read second time: September 17, 2018

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24 SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the
25 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.
~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by
amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.

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Baltimore City Code

Article 8. Ethics

Subtitle 8. Lobbying

Part I. Definitions

§ 8-1. Definitions.

(f) *Reporting period.*

“Reporting period” means ALL OR ANY PART OF the period from January 1 of any year through December 31 of the same year DURING WHICH A PERSON IS REGISTERED OR REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE ETHICS BOARD AS A LOBBYIST.

Part II. Registration Required

§ 8-6. In general.

Except as otherwise specified in Part V {“Exemptions”} of this subtitle, a person who engages in any activity described in this Part II must register with the Ethics Board.

§ 8-7. Legislative lobbying.

A person must register if, during a reporting period, the person:

(1) for the purpose of influencing any legislative action, communicates with a public servant; and

(2) in furtherance of or in connection with all such communications for that or any other legislative action, and all activities relating to those communications:

(i) expends \$100 or more for gifts, including meals, beverages, or special events, to 1 or more public servants;

(ii) incurs any expenses of \$500 or more; or

(iii) earns \$2,500 or more in compensation.

§ 8-8. Executive lobbying.

(a) *In general.*

A person must register if, during a reporting period, the person:

(1) for the purpose of influencing any executive action, communicates with a public servant; and

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1 (2) in furtherance of or in connection with all such communications for that or any
2 other executive action, and all activities relating to those communications,
3 expends \$100 or more for gifts, including meals, beverages, or special events, to 1
4 or more public servants.

5 (b) *Regulations; Executive Orders.*

6 A person must register if, during a reporting period, the person:

7 (1) for the purpose of influencing the development, adoption, issuance, or amendment
8 of regulations or of an executive order, communicates with a public servant; and

9 (2) in furtherance of or in connection with all such communications for that or any
10 other executive action, and all activities relating to those communications:

11 (i) expends \$100 or more for gifts, including meals, beverages, or special
12 events, to 1 or more public servants;

13 (ii) incurs any expenses of \$500 or more; or

14 (iii) earns \$2,500 or more in compensation.

15 (c) *Procurement.*

16 (1) A person must register if, during a reporting period, the person:

17 (i) for the purpose of influencing executive action on a procurement contract that
18 exceeds \$50,000, communicates with a public servant; and

19 (ii) in furtherance of or in connection with all such communications for that or any
20 other executive action, and all activities relating to those communications:

21 (A) expends \$100 or more for gifts, including meals, beverages, or special
22 events, to 1 or more public servants; or

23 (B) except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, is compensated
24 for his or her services.

25 (2) Paragraph (1)(ii)(B) of this subsection does not apply to a bona fide salesperson or
26 commercial selling agency employed or maintained by an employer for the purpose of
27 soliciting or securing a procurement contract, as long as the person engages in no
28 other acts during the reporting period that require registration.

29 (d) *Business grants or loans.*

30 (1) A person must register if, during a reporting period, the person:

31 (i) for the purpose of influencing executive action to secure for a business entity a
32 grant or loan that exceeds \$50,000, communicates with a public servant; and

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(ii) in furtherance of or in connection with all such communications for that or any other executive action, and all activities relating to those communications:

(A) expends \$100 or more for gifts, including meals, beverages, or special events, to 1 or more public servants; or

(B) except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, is compensated for his or her services.

(2) Paragraph (1)(ii)(B) of this subsection does not apply to either of the following, as long as the person engages in no other acts during the reporting period that require registration:

(i) a bona fide full-time official or employee of a business entity that is seeking to secure a grant or loan; or

(ii) a person who is seeking a grant or loan for the purpose of locating, relocating, or expanding a business in or into the City.

§ 8-9. "Grass roots" lobbying.

A person must register if, during a reporting period, the person:

(1) for the purpose of influencing any legislative or executive action, solicits others to communicate with a public servant; and

(2) in furtherance of or in connection with that solicitation, expends \$1,000 or more, including expenditures for salaries, contractual employees, postage, telecommunications services, electronic services, advertising, printing, or delivery services.

Part IV. Activity Reports

§ 8-16. In general.

(a) *Report SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS required.*

A lobbyist must file with the Ethics Board ~~an activity report for each QUARTER OF A SEMI-ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORTS FOR THE~~ reporting period for which the lobbyist is registered or required to be registered.

(b) *When and for whom filed.*

~~(1) [For each reporting period, the activity report] A QUARTERLY REPORT must be filed by the APRIL 30, JULY 31, OCTOBER 31, AND January 31 that first follows [that] EACH QUARTER OF A reporting period.~~

(1) FOR EACH REPORTING PERIOD, THESE SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS MUST BE FILED AS FOLLOWS:

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1 (i) ON OR BEFORE JULY 31, COVERING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING
2 JANUARY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30; AND

3 (ii) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, COVERING ALL OF THE IMMEDIATELY
4 PRECEDING JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31.

5 (2) A separate report must be filed for each person on whose behalf the lobbyist acted.

6 (c) *Form.*

7 (1) Each Report REPORT must be:

8 (i) filed on the form the Ethics Board provides; and

9 (ii) signed under oath or affirmation, subject to the penalties of perjury.

10 (2) If the lobbyist is not an individual, then an authorized officer or agent of the lobbyist
11 must sign the report.

12 **§ 8-18. Contents – Compensation.**

13 (a) *In general.*

14 Except as provided in subsection (c) of this subsection, each report must include the total
15 compensation paid to the lobbyist in connection with lobbying activities ~~THROUGH THE~~
16 ~~END OF THE PRECEDING QUARTER DURING THE PERIOD TO WHICH THAT REPORT APPLIES,~~
17 AS SPECIFIED IN § 8-16(B)(1) OF THIS TITLE.

18 (b) *Prorated amounts.*

19 If the compensation being reported is a prorated amount, it must be so labeled.

20 (c) *Exceptions.*

21 This section does not apply to:

22 (1) expenses otherwise reported under other sections of this Part IV; or

23 (2) salaries, compensation, and reimbursed expenses for the lobbyist's staff.

24 **§ 8-19. Contents – Expenses.**

25 (a) *Staff, research, and assistance.*

26 Except as reported under § 8-18 {"Contents — Compensation"} of this subtitle, each
27 report must include the total amount expended in connection with the lobbying activities
28 ~~THROUGH THE END OF THE PRECEDING QUARTER DURING THE PERIOD TO WHICH THAT~~
29 REPORT APPLIES, AS SPECIFIED IN § 8-16(B)(1) OF THIS TITLE for:

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- 1 (1) office expenses of the lobbyist; and
- 2 (2) professional and technical research and assistance.

3 (b) *Publications.*

4 Each report must include the total amount expended in connection with the lobbying
5 activities ~~THROUGH THE END OF THE PRECEDING QUARTER DURING THE PERIOD TO WHICH~~
6 THAT REPORT APPLIES, AS SPECIFIED IN § 8-16(B)(1) OF THIS TITLE for publications that
7 expressly encourage others to communicate with 1 or more public servants.

8 (c) *Witnesses.*

9 Each report must include:

- 10 (1) the total amount expended in connection with lobbying activities for witnesses
11 ~~THROUGH THE END OF THE PRECEDING QUARTER DURING THE PERIOD TO WHICH~~
12 THAT REPORT APPLIES, AS SPECIFIED IN § 8-16(B)(1) OF THIS TITLE;
- 13 (2) the name of each witness; and
- 14 (3) the fees and expenses paid to each.

15 (d) *Food, beverages, gifts, etc.*

- 16 (1) Each report must include the total amount expended for each of the following
17 ~~THROUGH THE END OF THE PRECEDING QUARTER DURING THE PERIOD TO WHICH THAT~~
18 REPORT APPLIES, AS SPECIFIED IN § 8-16(B)(1) OF THIS TITLE, whether or not expended
19 in connection with lobbying activities:
 - 20 (i) meals and beverages for a public servant or the spouse, parent, child, or
21 sibling of a public servant;
 - 22 (ii) special events, including parties, dinners, athletic events, entertainment, and
23 other functions, to which a public servant or the spouse, parent, child, or
24 sibling of a public servant is invited;
 - 25 (iii) food, lodging, or scheduled entertainment of a public servant or the spouse,
26 parent, child, or sibling of a public servant while attending a meeting;
 - 27 (iv) tickets or free admission for a public servant or the spouse, parent, child, or
28 sibling of a public servant to attend a professional or intercollegiate sporting
29 event or a charitable, cultural, or political event; and
 - 30 (v) other gifts to or for a public servant or the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of a
31 public servant.
- 32 (2) The lobbyist must report the name of any public servant or the spouse, parent, child,
33 or sibling of a public servant who benefitted from:

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- 1 (i) expenses reported under paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection; or
2 (ii) expenses reported under paragraph (1)(iii) of this subsection, if more than
3 \$200 was expended for the benefit of the public servant, spouse, parent, child,
4 or sibling.
- 5 (3) Expenses reported under paragraph (1)(ii), (iii), and (iv) of this subsection must be
6 itemized by:
- 7 (i) the date and location of each event or activity; and
8 (ii) the total expense of the lobbyist for the event or activity.
- 9 (e) *Other expenses.*

10 Each report must include the total amount expended for all other expenses incurred in
11 connection with the lobbying activities ~~THROUGH THE END OF THE PRECEDING QUARTER~~
12 DURING THE PERIOD TO WHICH THAT REPORT APPLIES, AS SPECIFIED IN § 8-16(B)(1) OF
13 THIS TITLE.

14 **§ 8-27. REPORTS TO BE PUBLIC.**

15 ~~ALL REPORTS FILED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE ARE PUBLIC DOCUMENTS AND THE ETHICS~~
16 ~~BOARD MUST POST ON ITS WEBSITE A COPY OF EACH REPORT WITHIN 30 DAYS OF ITS~~
17 ~~RECEIPT BY THE BOARD.~~

18 ALL REPORTS FILED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE ARE PUBLIC DOCUMENTS AND MUST BE POSTED
19 ON THE ETHICS BOARD'S WEBSITE.

20 *Part VI. Prohibited Conduct*

21 **§ 8-42. Veracity and candor.**

22 [A lobbyist may not:]

23 (A) *VERACITY REQUIRED.*

24 [(1) while] WHILE engaging in lobbying activities A LOBBYIST, OR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO
25 EXPECTS SHE OR HE WILL SOON BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS A LOBBYIST, MAY NOT
26 knowingly make to a public servant a statement of material fact that relates to the
27 lobbying activity and that the lobbyist knows to be false[; or].

28 [(2) while engaging in lobbying activities on behalf of a person, knowingly conceal from
29 a public servant the identity of that person.]

30 (B) *DUTY TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AND THEIR CLIENTS.*

31 WHILE ENGAGING IN LOBBYING ACTIVITIES A LOBBYIST, OR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO EXPECTS
32 SHE OR HE WILL SOON BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS A LOBBYIST, MUST, IN ANY
33 INTERACTION WITH A PUBLIC SERVANT:

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1 (1) AFFIRMATIVELY IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AS A LOBBYIST; AND

2 (2) IDENTIFY THE PERSON ON WHOSE BEHALF THEY ARE LOBBYING.

3 **Subtitle 9. Enforcement**

4 ***Part II. Administrative Sanctions***

5 **§ 9-5. Lobbying violations.**

6 If, after considering a complaint brought under Subtitle 5 {"Complaints"} of this article, the
7 Ethics Board determines that the respondent has violated any provision of Subtitle 8
8 {"Lobbying"} of this article, the Board may take any 1 or more of the following actions:

9 (1) require a respondent who is a lobbyist to file any additional reports or information
10 that reasonably relates to the information required by Subtitle 8;

11 (2) impose a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000 for each violation;

12 (3) PROHIBIT A RESPONDENT FROM ENGAGING IN ANY LOBBYING ACTIVITIES INTENDED TO
13 INFLUENCE ANY CITY PUBLIC SERVANT ON ANY MATTER FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE
14 THAN 3 YEARS; or

15 (4) [(3)] take any other action authorized by § 9-4 {"In general"} of this subtitle.

16 ***PART VI. CRIMINAL PENALTIES***

17 **§ 9-22. Violations of lobbying subtitle.**

18 (a) *In general.*

19 Any person who knowingly violates a provision of Subtitle 8 {"Lobbying"} of this
20 article, OR FAILS TO COMPLY WITH AN ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTION IMPOSED UNDER § 9-5.
21 {"LOBBYING VIOLATIONS"} OF THIS SUBTITLE, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on
22 conviction, is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment of not more than
23 12 months or both.

24 (b) *Officers and partners.*

25 If the person is a business or other entity, each officer or partner of the entity who
26 knowingly authorizes or participates in the violation is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on
27 conviction, is subject to the penalty specified in subsection (a) of this section.

28 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance
29 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior
30 Ordinance.

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1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That:

2 (a) The amendments made by this Ordinance to Part IV of Code Article 8, Subtitle 8, take
3 effect only on the later of:

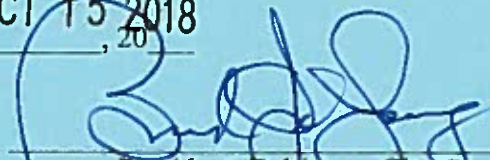
4 (1) the 90th date after the date this Ordinance is enacted.; and

5 (2) the 30th day after MOIT/BCIT has developed a viable, searchable online
6 module that meets the criteria required by the Ethics Board and that will allow
7 lobbyists to prepare and file their reports online, subject to the online payment
8 of all attendant fees.

9 (b) An online module, compliant with subsection (a)(2) of this Section 3, must be
10 completed by MOIT/BCIT and made available for public use on or before June 1,
11 2019.

12 SECTION 4 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That, except as provided in Section 3 of this
13 Ordinance, this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th 90th day after the date it is enacted.

Certified as duly passed this _____ day of OCT 15 2018, 20____




President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,
this _____ day of OCT 15 2018

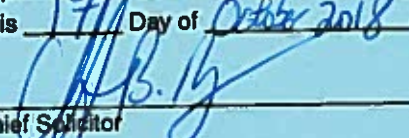


Chief Clerk

Approved this 3 day of December, 2018



Mayor, Baltimore City

Approved For Form and Legal Sufficiency
This 17 Day of October 2018


Chief Solicitor

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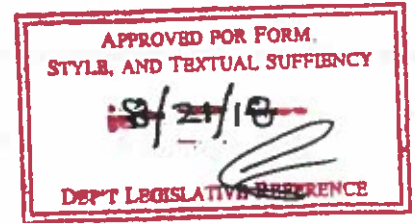
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AMENDMENTS TO COUNCIL BILL 18-230
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By: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee
{For Second Reading}

ADOPTED

Amendment No. 1 {Purpose Clause and Function Paragraphs}

On page 1, in line 3, strike “quarterly” and substitute “semi-annual”; and, later in the same line, after “annual”, insert a comma; and, in line 4, after “requiring”, strike “the Ethics Board” through “their receipt” and substitute “lobbying reports to be posted online”; and, in line 8, after the semi-colon, insert “providing for special effective dates:” and, in line 12, “strike 8-1(f), and”; and, in line 17, before “8-16”, insert “8-1(f)”.

Amendment No. 2 {§ 8-1(f) (Defining “Reporting period”)}

On page 2, in line 5, after “means”, insert “ALL OR ANY PART OF”; and, in line 6, after “year”, insert “DURING WHICH A PERSON IS REGISTERED OR REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE ETHICS BOARD AS A LOBBYIST”.

Amendment No. 3 {§ 8-16(a) to (c)(1) (Semi-annual reports – required; when filed)}

On page 4, in line 22, strike “Report” and substitute “SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS”; and, in line 23, strike from “an activity report” through the end of that line and substitute “SEMI-ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORTS FOR THE”; and strike lines 26 through 28, in their entireties, and substitute:

“(1) FOR EACH REPORTING PERIOD. THESE SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS MUST BE FILED AS FOLLOWS:

(I) ON OR BEFORE JULY 31. COVERING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING JANUARY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30; AND

(II) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, COVERING ALL OF THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31.”;

and, in line 31, strike “Report” and substitute “REPORT”.

Amendment No. 4 {§§ 8-18 and 8-19 (Reporting compensation, expenses)}

On page 5, in lines 8 and 9, and on the same page, in line 20 and in line 26, and on page 6, in line 2, in line 7, and in line 33, in each instance, after “lobbying activities” strike “THROUGH THE END OF THE PRECEDING QUARTER” and substitute “DURING THE PERIOD TO WHICH THAT REPORT APPLIES, AS SPECIFIED IN § 8-16(B)(1) OF THIS TITLE”.

Amendment No. 5 (§ 8-27 ("Reports to be public"))

On page 7, strike lines 2 through 4, in their entireties, and substitute:

"ALL REPORTS FILED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE ARE PUBLIC DOCUMENTS AND MUST BE POSTED ON THE ETHICS BOARD'S WEBSITE."

Amendment No. 6 (Effective dates)

On page 8, after line 19, insert:

"SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That:

(a) The amendments made by this Ordinance to Part IV of Code Article 8, Subtitle 8, take effect only on the later of:

(1) the 90th date after the date this Ordinance is enacted.; and

(2) the 30th day after MOIT/BCIT has developed a viable, searchable online module that meets the criteria required by the Ethics Board and that will allow lobbyists to prepare and file their reports online, subject to the online payment of all attendant fees.

(b) An online module, compliant with subsection (a)(2) of this Section 3, must be completed by MOIT/BCIT and made available for public use on or before June 1, 2019."

and, in line 20, after "SECTION", strike "3" and substitute "4"; and, in the same line, after "That", insert ", except as provided in Section 3 of this Ordinance,"; and, in the same line, strike "30th" and substitute "90th".

**BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL
JUDICIARY AND LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE
VOTING RECORD**

BILL#: CC-18-0230

DATE: 8/21/18

TITLE: Ethics Code - Transparency in Lobbying Act

MOTION BY: Bullock SECONDED BY: Clarke

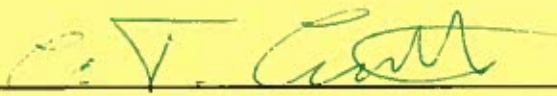
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CITY OF BALTIMORE

CATHERINE E PUGH, Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF LAW

ANDRE M. DAVIS, City Solicitor
101 City Hall
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

August 2, 2018

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 18-0230 – Ethics Code – Transparency in Lobbying Act

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed Mayor and City Council Bill 18-0230 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill is for the purpose of amending the Public Ethics Law to require quarterly rather than annual lobbying reports from lobbyists, to require the Ethics Board to post lobbying reports online within 30 days of their receipt, to require that lobbyists affirmatively identify themselves and their clients when engaging in lobbying activities and, to allow the Ethics Board to prohibit a person found to have violated the lobbying provisions of the Ethics Code from lobbying City public servants for up to 3 years..

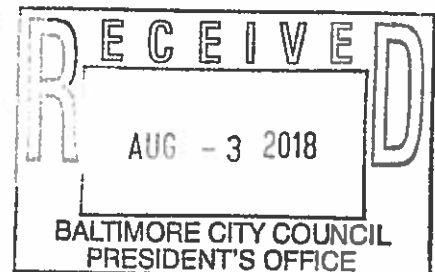
In general, the Maryland Public Ethics Law, Art. 5, Subtitle 8, Part II of the General Provisions Article of the Maryland Code, requires that the City have an Ethics Code that is similar to the provisions of State Ethics Law but allows for modifications to the extent necessary to make the provisions relevant to the prevention of conflicts of interest in that jurisdiction.

City Council Bill 18-0230 complies with the directive in State law with respect to content of local public ethics laws. The Law Department therefore approves City Council Bill 18-023 for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely yours,


Elena R. DiPietro

Elena R. DiPietro
Chief Solicitor



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**cc: Andre M. Davis, City Solicitor
Karen Stokes, Director, MOGR
Kyron Banks, Mayor's Legislative Liaison
Hilary Ruley, Chief Solicitor
Victor Tervalo, Chief Solicitor
Ashlea Brown, Assistant Solicitor
Avery Aisenstark**

FROM	NAME & TITLE	Robert Cename, Chief <i>R Cename</i>	CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	Bureau of the Budget and Management Research Room 432, City Hall (410) 396-4941		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 18-0230 – Ethics Code – Transparency in Lobbying Act		

DATE:

TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
Room 400, City Hall

June 15, 2018

City Council Bill #18-0230 was created for the purpose of requiring quarterly rather than annual lobbying reports from lobbyists; requiring the Ethics Board to post lobbying reports online within 30 days of their receipt; requiring that lobbyists affirmatively identify themselves and their clients when engaging in lobbying activities; allowing the Ethics Board to prohibit a person found to have violated the lobbying provisions of the Ethics Code from lobbying City public servants for up to 3 years; clarifying and conforming related provisions; and generally relating to the regulation of lobbyists.

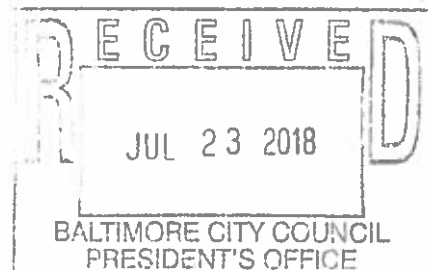
The Ethics Board does not have a separate budget, and its staff and activities are funded through the Legislative Reference agency. This proposal will have some costs, stemming from technology and/or human resource investments needed to handle quarterly lobbying reports and post them online within 30 days.

The Board receives approximately 200 annual reports on paper from lobbyists, averaging ten pages each, which provide details on lobbying expenses and gifts. Currently, the reports are not posted online, though the Board's website includes annually updated lists of registered lobbyists. It would be challenging for Ethics Board staff to absorb the workload associated with manually scanning the reports and putting them online each quarter, especially if they are posted individually in a searchable format that is user-friendly for the public. Based on its experience with a similar effort in 2014 — scanning and posting financial disclosure forms — the Ethics Board would utilize a temporary employee to assist for one week each quarter at an estimated total cost of \$2,100 per year. Another option would be creating a new module on the Board's website that would allow lobbyists to fill out the forms online, and would then store the forms in a searchable database that is publically accessible. The Baltimore City Office of Information and Technology (BCIT) has not done an estimate of costs for this work, but the City's procurement records show that developing an online financial disclosure form module for the Ethics Board cost about \$60,000 in Fiscal 2014.

This proposal generated no objections from various city agencies, and its requirements could be met without a significant fiscal impact on the City. Therefore, the Department of Finance has no objection to the passage of Council Bill #18-0230.

cc: Henry Raymond
Kyron Banks

No obj.



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Baltimore, Maryland
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Meeting Minutes - Final

Judiciary and Legislative Investigations

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

10:00 AM

Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall

Work Session: 18-0230

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

- Present** 5 - Member Eric T. Costello, Member Mary Pat Clarke, Member Leon F. Pinkett III, Member John T. Bullock, and Member Robert Stokes Sr.
- Absent** 2 - Member Edward Reisinger, and Member Brandon M. Scott

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR WORKSESSION

18-0230

Ethics Code - Transparency in Lobbying Act

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A motion was made by Member Bullock, seconded by Member Clarke, that this Ordinance be Recommended Favorably with Amendment. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Member Costello, Member Clarke, Member Pinkett III, and Member Bullock

Absent: 2 - Member Reisinger, and Member Scott

Out-Chamber: 1 - Member Stokes Sr.

ADJOURNMENT



HEARING NOTES

Bill: 18-0230

Ethics Code - Transparency in Lobbying Act

Committee: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations

Chaired By: Councilmember Eric Costello

Hearing Date: August 7, 2018
Time: 10:15 AM to 11:25 AM
Location: Clarence "Du" Burns Chamber
Total Attendance: ~55
Committee Members in Attendance:
Eric Costello Edward Reisinger Brandon Scott
Leon Pinkett Robert Stokes John Bullock

Work Session Date: August 21, 2018
Time: 10:30 AM to 11:50 AM
Location: Clarence "Du" Burns Chamber
Total Attendance: ~25
Committee Members in Attendance:
Eric Costello Mary Pat Clarke John Bullock
Leon Pinkett Robert Stokes

Bill Synopsis in the file? yes no n/a
Attendance sheet in the file? yes no n/a
Agency reports read? yes no n/a
Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded? yes no n/a
Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? yes no n/a
Evidence of notification to property owners? yes no n/a
Final vote taken at this hearing? yes no n/a
Motioned by: **Councilmember Bullock**
Seconded by: **Councilmember Clarke**
Final Vote: **Favorable as Amended**

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Avery Aisenstark, Ethics Board
- Caroline Sturgis, Department of Finance
- Elena DiPietro, Department of Law
- Martin Okumu, Baltimore City Office of Information and Technology

Major Issues Discussed

August 7, 2018 Hearing

1. Chairman Costello opened the proceedings and introduced the committee members in attendance.
2. Councilman Cohen summarized the bill and why it is needed.
3. Chairman Costello read the Law Department's report aloud.
4. The Finance Department confirmed that it has no objections to the bill, and noted that the bill would result in some minimal additional cost to the City.
5. The Ethics Board staff discussed several concerns with the bill, including that the Board did not have sufficient staff to implement its requirements. The Board recommended a delayed effective date for the increased reporting frequency and online posting requirements, as well as making the requirements of the bill contingent on resources to make implementation possible.
6. Numerous members of the public testified in support of the bill as it was drafted. Several registered lobbyists testified in support of the bill with amendments to require reporting on an annual or semi-annual basis, rather than quarterly, and to require an online system to streamline the registration and reporting process for lobbyists. Some of the registered lobbyists also raised the issue of groups and advocates who lobby but are not required to register under the current law because of the dollar thresholds.
7. Chairman Costello announced that the Committee would reconvene for a Work Session on the bill in the near future, noted that the Committee would not hear additional public testimony at the Work Session, identified several issues that could require amendments, and recessed the hearing.

August 21, 2018 Work Session

1. Chairman Costello opened the proceedings and introduced the committee members in attendance.
2. The Office of Information and Technology discussed the steps and time needed to develop an online registration and reporting system for lobbyists in the City. The Office confirmed that a system could be ready by June 1, 2019.
3. The Committee considered and adopted amendments to the bill to change the definition of 'reporting period,' to require semi-annual reports rather than quarterly reports, to delay the effective date of certain requirements, and to require the Office of Information and Technology to develop an online system by June 1, 2019.
4. The Committee discussed additional amendments that would have required organizations that direct employees or volunteers to lobby to register in certain circumstances. The additional amendments were ultimately withdrawn.

Was further study requested?

Further Study

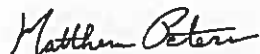
Yes No

If yes, describe.

N/A

Committee Vote

E. Costello: Yea
M. Clarke: Yea
J. Bullock: Yea
L. Pinkett: Yea
E. Reisinger: Absent
B. Scott: Absent
R. Stokes: Absent



Matthew L. Peters, Committee Staff

Date: August 21, 2018

cc: Bill File
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**CITY OF BALTIMORE
CITY COUNCIL HEARING ATTENDANCE RECORD**

Committee: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations

Chairperson: Eri

Date: August 21, 2018

Time: 10:00 AM

Place: Clarence "Du" Burns Chambers

Subject: Ordinance - Ethics Code - Transparency in Lobbying Act

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Hearing recessed. The Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee will schedule a work session on bill 18-0230 at a later date.



CITY OF BALTIMORE

CITY COUNCIL HEARING ATTENDANCE RECORD

Committee: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Chairperson: Eri
 Date: August 7, 2018 Time: 10:00 AM Place: Clarence "Du" Burns Chambers
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Peters, Matthew

From: Costello, Eric
Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2018 11:56 AM
To: Sam Novey; City Council President; Clarke, Mary Pat; Bullock, John; Pinkett, Leon; Reisinger, Edward; Scott, Brandon; Stokes, Robert
Cc: Cohen, Zeke; Castagnola, Michael F.; Griffin, Ateira; Peters, Matthew
Subject: RE: City Council Bill 18-0230

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From: Sam Novey [sam@mile22.org]
Sent: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 5:35 PM
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Cc: Cohen, Zeke; Castagnola, Michael F.; Griffin, Ateira
Subject: City Council Bill 18-0230

Dear Chairperson Costello and Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee members,

As a small business owner in Baltimore City I support the Transparency in Lobbying Act, and ask that you pass it with no amendments.

At Mile 22 Associates we deeply appreciate the good work of the City Council and see this legislation as a further step toward progress. We believe that all communities deserve to know what lobbying activities are happening through an open online portal. We believe lobbyists should disclose who they are when meeting with public officials. We see this as good government legislation and hope for your support.

We look forward to a favorable report for the Transparency in Lobbying Act from the committee. Thank you once again for your diligence and commitment to this work.

Respectfully,

Sam Novey

CEO
Mile 22 Associates

CC:
City Council President Jack Young
Councilman Cohen



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August 6, 2018

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION – Mathew.Peters@baltimorecity.gov

Baltimore City Council
Judiciary & Legislative Investigations Committee
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City of Baltimore Ordinance 18-230 – Ethics Code –
Transparency in Lobbying Act (Council Bill 230)
Support with Amendment

Dear Chairman Costello and Members of the Judiciary & Legislative Investigations Committee:

Please accept this correspondence of written support, with the exception of one amendment, on Council Bill 18-230. Harris Jones & Malone, LLC (HJM) is a law firm of attorneys and government relations specialists that provides lobbying and government relations services on the state and local level throughout the State of Maryland. Therefore, HJM and its employees take state and local lobbying and ethics laws and regulations seriously. Specifically, HJM's attorneys and government relations specialist when engaging in lobbying activities on behalf HJM's clients within Baltimore City Government register, report, and observe the laws and regulations associated thereto. Unfortunately, more often than not, we observe others engaged in the same activities that do not do the same. HJM supports the intent of Council Bill 18-230 to expose such individuals and entities by providing more transparency to lobbying activities with City government.

HJM believes, however, that requiring quarterly reports would impose an unnecessary administrative burden on would be compliant firms such as ours. In fact, the City of Baltimore would be the only jurisdiction within the State of Maryland that we know of that requires quarterly reports, rather than once or twice a year. As a firm with multiple lobbyists and clients, HJM would expend tremendous time and resources to complete and submit quarterly reports. HJM therefore strongly encourages this body to amend the legislation to limit reporting to only twice a year.

Judiciary & Legislative Investigations Committee
August 6, 2018
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If you have any questions or desire any additional information, please feel free to contact either Lisa Harris Jones or Sean R. Malone.

Yours Truly,



Lisa Harris Jones



Sean R. Malone

cc: Via Electronic Transmission
Council President Bernard C. "Jack" Young
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Chairman Eric T. Costello
Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee
100 Holliday Street
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August 7, 2018

Chairman Costello, Vice Chair Clarke and Honorable Members of the Judiciary and
Legislative Investigations Committee,

My name is Rianna Eckel, I am a resident of Baltimore City, a registered lobbyist in
Baltimore City, and the Maryland Organizer with Food & Water Watch. I am submitting this
testimony in support of the Trasparancy in Lobbying Act (#18-0230) on behalf of Food &
Water Watch and our 14,000 members and supporters in Baltimore City.

I want to thank the Committee for this opportunity to testify in support of this legislation, to
thank Councilman Cohen for introducing it, and Councilmembers Young, Scott, Dorsey,
Henry, Schelifer, Middleton, Pinkett, Burnett, Bullock, Reisinger, Stokes, Sneed and Clarke
for cosponsoring it.

We at Food & Water Watch believe that corporate influence over our democracy is one of
the biggest threats to our food, water and climate. When high spenders and outside
influencers are able to come to City Hall and push their agenda with very few reporting
requirements, it's cause for alarm.

Just as people have the right to know how much money is being spent by who to elect
politicians, they should have the right to know who is spending what to in order to influence
their decisions when they truly matter - after election day.

This legislation has been described as "tightening restrictions" on lobbyists, but simply
mandating that lobbyists state who they are working for, reporting activity quarterly and
having those reports be accessible online does not restrict any lobbying activity. It just
makes information about it accessible to the public. As a registered lobbyist in Baltimore, I
look forward to submitting my quarterly reports.

A searchable list of registered lobbyists is not enough. Increased transparency in lobbying,
through the passage of this legislation, will be an important piece of enhancing our
democracy in Baltimore. We urge you to pass Bill #18-0230.

Thank you,

Rianna Eckel
Maryland Organizer

From: Costello, Eric
To: [Angelique N. Kane](#); [City Council President](#); [Clarke, Mary Pat](#); [Bullock, John](#); [Pinkett, Leon](#); [Reisinger, Edward](#); [Scott, Brandon](#); [Stokes, Robert](#)
Cc: [Cohen, Zeke](#); [Castagnola, Michael E.](#); [Griffin, Ateira](#); [Peters, Matthew](#)
Subject: RE: Support for City Council Bill 18-0230
Date: Sunday, August 05, 2018 8:23:10 PM

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Subject: Support for City Council Bill 18-0230

Judiciary and Legislative Investigations
Committee August 5, 2018
100 N Holliday St
Baltimore, MD 21202

SUBJECT: City Council Bill 18-0230

Dear Chairperson Costello and Judiciary and Legislative Investigations
Committee members,

Baltimore Rising supports the Transparency in Lobbying Act, and ask that you pass it with no amendments. We appreciate the good work of the City Council and see this legislation as a further step toward progress. We believe that all communities deserve to know what lobbying activities are happening through an open online portal. We believe lobbyists should disclose who they are when meeting with public officials. We see this as good government legislation and hope for your support.

We look forward to the hearing on August 7, 2018 and a favorable report for the Transparency in Lobbying Act from the committee. Thank you once again for your diligence and commitment to this work.

Respectfully,

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CC:
City Council President Jack Young
Councilman Cohen



Frank D. Boston, III

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August 3, 2018

Baltimore City Council
Judiciary & Legislative Investigations Committee
100 Holliday Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: City of Baltimore Council Bill 18-0230, Ethics Code- Transparency in Lobbying Act

Dear Chairman Costello and Members of the Judiciary & Legislative Investigations Committee,

I am writing you in strong support of the above legislation. I thank Councilman Zeke Cohen for taking up this issue and introducing this bill.

As many of you know, I am a lobbyist who does a lot of work in Baltimore City. I always register for every client that I represent before your body, and I make all best efforts to be compliant with the rules and regulations that flow from our registration. Too often I see other people lobbying on issues in City Hall that aren't registered. This is inherently unfair to those of us who do the right thing. Further, the City loses out on the disclosure of activity that is necessary for transparent government relations.

I urge this Committee to consider an amendment reducing the reporting requirements to twice a year as opposed to four times a year. The paperwork required for those of us who

represent multiple clients is strenuous and time consuming. Other jurisdictions do it electronically, but Baltimore City does it by paper.

Either way, I support this legislation and look forward to working with the Committee on a productive piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank D. Boston, III". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Frank D. Boston, III

Cc: Judiciary & Legislative Investigation Members

Eric Costello – Chair
Mary Pat Clarke – Vice Chair
John Bullock
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Ed Reisinger
Brandon Scott
Robert Stokes
Staff: Matthew Peters

Councilman Zeke Cohen



July 31, 2018

Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee
100 N Holliday St
Baltimore, MD 21202

SUBJECT: City Council Bill 18-0230

Dear Chairperson Costello and Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee members,

The No Boundaries Coalition of Central West Baltimore stands in full support of the Transparency in Lobbying Act, and ask that it is passed, with no amendments. The diligent efforts of the City Council is greatly appreciated and this legislation is another step forward. Accessibility should be the norm in all aspects of municipal operations and believe that all communities deserve to know what lobbying activities are happening through an open online portal. We believe lobbyists should disclose who they are when meeting with public officials. We see this as good government legislation and hope for your support.

As a Grassroots organization, No Boundaries hopes to level the playing field when we advocate to City Government. The Transparency in Lobbying Act does just that, putting us on level footing with large, moneyed interests. We believe that all organizations that lobby or advocate to City Government should be accountable and transparent.

We look forward to the hearing on August 7th and a favorable report for the Transparency in Lobbying Act from the committee. Thank you once again for your diligence and commitment to this work.

Respectfully,

Ray Kelly, Chief Executive Officer
No Boundaries Coalition, Inc.

CC:
City Council President Jack Young
Councilman Cohen



SUBJECT: City Council Bill 18-0230

Dear Chairperson Costello and Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee Members,

The United Workers is a human rights organization representing more than 1,000 low-wage workers in Baltimore City. We continuously work to build power in low-income communities through political education and leadership development, and are dedicated to building a movement to end poverty that is led by the poor. We are writing to urge you to support the Transparency in Lobbying Act and pass it with no amendments. Our members believe in the need for increased accountability of our elected officials, who we trust to make decisions that benefit us and our communities.

We believe that city residents deserve to understand the lobbying activities that are happening at City Hall, and should have access to this information through an open online portal. Lobbyists must disclose who they are representing when meeting with public officials. We see this as an opportunity to increase transparency in government and build trust between our elected officials and the members of the public whom they represent. The democratic process depends on a well-educated and civically-engaged electorate. This historic break we hope will usher in more conversations and policy change rooted in Fair Development principles of universality, equity, transparency, accountability, and participation.

United Workers looks forward to the upcoming hearing and anticipates your favorable report for the Transparency in Lobbying Act. Restoring faith in government and ensuring that everyday citizens are aware of the donors for their legislators will build a better Baltimore.

With Great Respect,

United Workers Staff and Membership

From: Costello, Eric
To: Eean Logan; City Council President; Clarke, Mary Pat; Bullock, John; Pinkett, Leon; Reisinger, Edward; Scott, Brandon; Stokes, Robert
Cc: Cohen, Zeke; Castagnola, Michael E.; Griffin, Ateira; Peters, Matthew
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Date: Friday, August 03, 2018 11:01:09 AM

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From: Eean Logan [eeanlogan@baltimorevotes.org]
Sent: Friday, August 3, 2018 9:28 AM
To: City Council President; Costello, Eric; Clarke, Mary Pat; Bullock, John; Pinkett, Leon; Reisinger, Edward; Scott, Brandon; Stokes, Robert
Cc: Cohen, Zeke; Castagnola, Michael F.; Griffin, Ateira
Subject: Support for City Council Bill 18-0230

Dear Chairperson Costello and Judiciary and Legislative Investigations
Committee members,

#BaltimoreVotes supports the Transparency in Lobbying Act, and ask that you pass it with no amendments. We appreciate the good work of the City Council and see this legislation as a further step toward progress. We believe that all communities deserve to know what lobbying activities are happening through an open online portal. We believe lobbyists should disclose who they are when meeting with public officials. We see this as good government legislation and hope for your support.

We look forward to the hearing on Tuesday, August 7th and a favorable report for the Transparency in Lobbying Act from the committee. Thank you once again for your diligence and commitment to this work.

Respectfully,
#BaltimoreVotes
Thank you,

Eean Logan
Director, #BaltimoreVotes
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From: Costello, Eric
To: Derrell Frazier; City Council President; Clarke, Mary Pat; Bullock, John; Pinkett, Leon; Reisinger, Edward; Scott, Brandon; Stokes, Robert; Peters, Matthew
Cc: Cohen, Zeke; Castagnola, Michael E.; Griffin, Ateira
Subject: Re: Support for City Council Bill 18-0230
Date: Thursday, August 02, 2018 11:02:34 PM

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From: Derrell Frazier <derrell.m.frazier@gmail.com>
Date: 8/2/18 19:04 (GMT-05:00)
To: City Council President <City.CouncilPresident@baltimorecity.gov>, "Costello, Eric" <Eric.Costello@baltimorecity.gov>, "Clarke, Mary Pat" <MaryPat.Clarke@baltimorecity.gov>, "Bullock, John" <John.Bullock@baltimorecity.gov>, "Pinkett, Leon" <Leon.Pinkett@baltimorecity.gov>, "Reisinger, Edward" <Edward.Reisinger@baltimorecity.gov>, "Scott, Brandon" <Brandon.Scott@baltimorecity.gov>, "Stokes, Robert" <Robert.Stokes@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: "Cohen, Zeke" <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>, "Castagnola, Michael F." <Michael.Castagnola@baltimorecity.gov>, "Griffin, Ateira" <Ateira.Griffin@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: Support for City Council Bill 18-0230

Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee
100 N Holliday St
Baltimore, MD 21202

Date

SUBJECT: City Council Bill 18-0230

Dear Chairperson Costello and Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee members,

Derrell Frazier supports the Transparency in Lobbying Act, and ask that you pass it with no amendments. We appreciate the good work of the City Council and see this legislation as a further step toward progress. We believe that all communities deserve to know what lobbying activities are happening through an open online portal. We believe lobbyists should disclose who they are when meeting with public officials. We see this as good government legislation

and hope for your support.

We look forward to the hearing and a favorable report for the Transparency in Lobbying Act from the committee. Thank you once again for your diligence and commitment to this work.

Respectfully,

Derrell Frazier

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Derrell M. Frazier

From: Costello, Eric
To: David Rodwin; City Council President; Clarke, Mary Pat; Bullock, John; Pinkett, Leon; Reisinger, Edward; Scott, Brandon; Stokes, Robert
Cc: Cohen, Zeke; Castagnola, Michael F.; Griffin, Ateira; Peters, Matthew
Subject: RE: Support for City Council Bill 18-0230
Date: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 10:17:31 AM

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From: David Rodwin [drodwin@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 9:56 AM
To: City Council President; Costello, Eric; Clarke, Mary Pat; Bullock, John; Pinkett, Leon; Reisinger, Edward; Scott, Brandon; Stokes, Robert
Cc: Cohen, Zeke; Castagnola, Michael F.; Griffin, Ateira
Subject: Support for City Council Bill 18-0230

Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee
100 N Holliday St
Baltimore, MD 21202

SUBJECT: City Council Bill 18-0230

Dear Chairperson Costello and Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee members,

My name is David Rodwin, and am I a Baltimore City resident and voter. I support the Transparency in Lobbying Act, and ask that you pass it with no amendments. I appreciate the good work of the City Council and see this legislation as a further step toward progress. I believe that all communities deserve to know what lobbying activities are happening through an open online portal. I believe lobbyists should disclose who they are when meeting with public officials. I see this as good government legislation and hope for your support.

Thank you once again for your diligence and commitment to this work.

Respectfully,
David Rodwin

CC:
City Council President Jack Young
Councilman Cohen

From: [Costello, Eric](#)
To: [Alexandra Neuhaus-Follini](#); [City Council President](#); [Clarke, Mary Pat](#); [Bullock, John](#); [Pinkett, Leon](#); [Reisinger, Edward](#); [Scott, Brandon](#); [Stokes, Robert](#)
Cc: [Cohen, Zeke](#); [Castagnola, Michael E.](#); [Griffin, Ateira](#); [Peters, Matthew](#)
Subject: RE: Support for City Council Bill 18-0230
Date: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 9:49:03 AM

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From: Alexandra Neuhaus-Follini [alexandraneuhausfollini@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 9:15 AM
To: City Council President; Costello, Eric; Clarke, Mary Pat; Bullock, John; Pinkett, Leon; Reisinger, Edward; Scott, Brandon; Stokes, Robert
Cc: Cohen, Zeke; Castagnola, Michael F.; Griffin, Ateira
Subject: Support for City Council Bill 18-0230

Dear Chairperson Costello and Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee members,

I am writing in support of the Transparency in Lobbying Act, which I ask that you pass with no amendments. I believe that the public deserves more information about lobbying activities that affect our communities. By requiring lobbyists to file quarterly reports and requiring the Ethics Board to post lobbying reports online promptly, this bill advances that goal.

Many thanks,

Alexandra Neuhaus-Follini
3811 Canterbury Road
Baltimore, MD 21218

From: Costello, Eric
To: Jason Woody; City Council President; Clarke, Mary Pat; Bullock, John; Pinkett, Leon; Reisinger, Edward; Scott, Brandon; Stokes, Robert
Cc: Cohen, Zeke; Castagnola, Michael E.; Griffin, Ateira; Peters, Matthew
Subject: Re: City Council Bill 18-0230
Date: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 3:33:43 PM

Jason, thanks for reaching out.

Matt, please add to the bill file.

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From: Jason Woody <jas.woody@gmail.com>
Date: 7/24/18 15:17 (GMT-05:00)
To: City Council President <City.CouncilPresident@baltimorecity.gov>, "Costello, Eric" <Eric.Costello@baltimorecity.gov>, "Clarke, Mary Pat" <MaryPat.Clarke@baltimorecity.gov>, "Bullock, John" <John.Bullock@baltimorecity.gov>, "Pinkett, Leon" <Leon.Pinkett@baltimorecity.gov>, "Reisinger, Edward" <Edward.Reisinger@baltimorecity.gov>, "Scott, Brandon" <Brandon.Scott@baltimorecity.gov>, "Stokes, Robert" <Robert.Stokes@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: "Cohen, Zeke" <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>, "Castagnola, Michael F." <Michael.Castagnola@baltimorecity.gov>, "Griffin, Ateira" <Ateira.Griffin@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: City Council Bill 18-0230

Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee
100 N Holliday St
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SUBJECT: City Council Bill 18-0230

Dear Chairperson Costello and Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee members,

I'm writing to express my support for the Transparency in Lobbying Act, and ask that you pass it with no amendments. I appreciate the good work of the City Council and see this legislation as a further step toward progress. I believe that all communities deserve to know what

lobbying activities are happening through an open online portal. I believe lobbyists should disclose who they are when meeting with public officials. I see this as good government legislation and hope for your support.

I look forward to the hearing on August 7th and a favorable report for the Transparency in Lobbying Act from the committee. Thank you once again for your diligence and commitment to this work.

Respectfully,

Jason Woody
District 11 resident

CC:
City Council President Jack Young
Councilman Cohen

From: Costello, Eric
To: David Troy; Clarke, Mary Pat; Bullock, John; Pinkett, Leon; Reisinger, Edward; Scott, Brandon; Stokes, Robert; City Council President
Cc: Cohen, Zeke; Castagnola, Michael E.; Griffin, Ateira; Peters, Matthew
Subject: RE: City Council Bill 18-0230
Date: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 10:25:29 AM

Thanks David.

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From: David Troy [<mailto:davetroy@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 10:23 AM
To: Costello, Eric; Clarke, Mary Pat; Bullock, John; Pinkett, Leon; Reisinger, Edward; Scott, Brandon; Stokes, Robert; City Council President
Cc: Cohen, Zeke; Castagnola, Michael F.; Griffin, Ateira
Subject: City Council Bill 18-0230

Dear Chairperson Costello and Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee members,

I, David Troy (administrator of Baltimore City Voters; city resident; software entrepreneur; District 11 homeowner) support the Transparency in Lobbying Act, and ask that you pass it with no amendments. We appreciate the good work of the City Council and see this legislation as a further step toward progress.

We believe that all communities deserve to know what lobbying activities are happening through an open online portal. We believe lobbyists should disclose who they are when meeting with public officials. We see this as good government legislation and hope for your support.

We look forward to the hearing on August 7 and a favorable report for the Transparency in Lobbying Act from the committee. Thank you once again for your diligence and commitment to this work.

Respectfully,

David Troy
Bolton Hill

Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee
100 N Holliday St
Baltimore, MD 21202

SUBJECT: City Council Bill 18-0230

Dear Chairperson Costello and Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee members,

Common Cause Maryland supports the Transparency in Lobbying Act and ask that you pass it with no amendments. As an organization dedicated to ensuring that Maryland's democracy works for everyone, we believe that the Transparency in Lobbying Act is a significant step forward in transparency for Baltimore's government.

Transparency in the lobbying process is a vital tool to allow constituents access into the legislative process. It allows Baltimoreans a clear view of the interests behind support and opposition for various policies, allowing them to more easily make an informed opinion for themselves.

Baltimoreans deserve access to this information. We believe lobbyists should disclose who they are when meeting with public officials. We see this as good government legislation that can help to provide an example for other jurisdictions. We hope for your support.

We look forward to the hearing on August 7th and a favorable report for the Transparency in Lobbying Act from the committee. Thank you once again for your diligence and commitment to this work.

Respectfully,

Damon Effingham
Executive Director, Common Cause Maryland

CC:
City Council President Jack Young
Councilman Cohen

From: Costello, Eric
To: Brigette Dumais; City Council President; Clarke, Mary Pat; Bullock, John; Pinkett, Leon; Reisinger, Edward; Scott, Brandon; Stokes, Robert
Cc: Cohen, Zeke; Castagnola, Michael E.; Griffin, Ateira; Ricarra Jones; Peters, Matthew
Subject: RE: 1199SEIU, Favorable Report on City Council Bill 18-0230 / Transparency in Lobbying Act
Date: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 11:54:48 PM

Matt, please add the appended below to the bill file.

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From: Brigette Dumais [brigette.dumais@1199.org]
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 3:41 PM
To: City Council President; Costello, Eric; Clarke, Mary Pat; Bullock, John; Pinkett, Leon; Reisinger, Edward; Scott, Brandon; Stokes, Robert
Cc: Cohen, Zeke; Castagnola, Michael F.; Griffin, Ateira; Ricarra Jones
Subject: 1199SEIU, Favorable Report on City Council Bill 18-0230 / Transparency in Lobbying Act

Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee
100 N Holliday St
Baltimore, MD 21202

Date: July 18, 2018

SUBJECT: City Council Bill 18-0230, Favorable Report

Dear Chairperson Costello and Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee members,

1199SEIU, United Healthcare Workers East supports the Transparency in Lobbying Act, and asks that you pass it with no amendments. We appreciate the good work of the City Council and see this legislation as a further step toward progress. We believe that all communities deserve to know what lobbying activities are happening through an open online portal. We believe lobbyists should disclose who they are when meeting with public officials. We see this as good government legislation and hope for your support.

We look forward to the hearing on August 7th and a **favorable** report for the Transparency in Lobbying Act from the committee. Thank you once again for your diligence and commitment to this work.

Respectfully,

Brigette Dumais
1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East

Fight for 15 Coalition
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AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION
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Maryland

July 17, 2018

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Dear Chairperson Costello and Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee members,

The ACLU of Maryland supports the Transparency in Lobbying Act, and ask that you pass it with no amendments. We appreciate the good work of the City Council and see this legislation as a further step toward progress. We believe that all communities deserve to know what lobbying activities are happening through an open online portal. We believe lobbyists should disclose who they are when meeting with public officials. We see this as good government legislation and hope for your support.

We look forward to the hearing on August 8th and a favorable report for the Transparency in Lobbying Act from the committee. Thank you once again for your diligence and commitment to this work.

Respectfully,

Dana Vickers Shelley

CC:
City Council President Jack Young
Councilman Cohen

From: Costello, Eric
To: Richard Elliott; City Council President; Clarke, Mary Pat; Bullock, John; Pinkett, Leon; Reisinger, Edward; Scott, Brandon; Stokes, Robert
Cc: Griffin, Ateira; Castagnola, Michael F.; Cohen, Zeke; Peters, Matthew
Subject: RE: Transparency in Lobbying Act- Letter of Support
Date: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 12:42:33 PM

Matt, please add to bill file.

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From: Richard Elliott [mailto:elliott8@umbc.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 11:52 AM
To: City Council President; Costello, Eric; Clarke, Mary Pat; Bullock, John; Pinkett, Leon; Reisinger, Edward; Scott, Brandon; Stokes, Robert
Cc: Griffin, Ateira; Castagnola, Michael F.; Cohen, Zeke
Subject: Transparency in Lobbying Act- Letter of Support

Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee 7/17/2018
100 N Holliday St
Baltimore, MD 21202

SUBJECT: City Council Bill 18-0230

Dear Chairperson Costello and Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee members,

I support the Transparency in Lobbying Act, and ask that you pass it with no amendments. We appreciate the good work of the City Council and see this legislation as a further step toward progress. We believe that all communities deserve to know what lobbying activities are happening through an open online portal. We believe lobbyists should disclose who they are when meeting with public officials. We see this as good government legislation and hope for your support. This legislation will help to restore faith in government in Baltimore City and allow civically-minded citizens to better research and fight the corrupting influence of big money in politics.

We look forward to the hearing and a favorable report for the Transparency in Lobbying Act from the committee. Thank you once again for your diligence and commitment to this work. Restoring faith in government and ensuring that everyday citizens are aware of the donors for their legislators will build a better Baltimore.

Respectfully,

Richard DeShay Elliott

From: Costello, Eric
To: Adam Schutzman; City Council President; Clarke, Mary Pat; Bullock, John; Pinkett, Leon; Reisinger, Edward; Scott, Brandon; Stokes, Robert; Peters, Matthew
Cc: Cohen, Zeke; Castagnola, Michael E.; Griffin, Ateira
Subject: Re: Support for City Council Bill 18-0230
Date: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 10:14:32 AM

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Subject: Support for City Council Bill 18-0230

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July 17, 2018

SUBJECT: City Council Bill 18-0230

Dear Chairperson Costello and Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee members,

I, Adam Schutzman, support the Transparency in Lobbying Act, and ask that you pass it with no amendments. We appreciate the good work of the City Council and see this legislation as a further step toward progress. We believe that all communities deserve to know what lobbying activities are happening through an open online portal. We believe lobbyists should disclose who they are when meeting with public officials. We see this as good government legislation

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Respectfully,
Adam Schutzman

CC:
City Council President Jack Young
Councilman Cohen

From: Costello, Eric
To: J Day; City Council President; Bullock, John; Clarke, Mary Pat; Pinkett, Leon; Reisinger, Edward; Scott, Brandon; Stokes, Robert; Peters, Matthew
Cc: Cohen, Zeke; Castagnola, Michael E.; Griffin, Ateira
Subject: Re: Support for City Council Bill 18-0230
Date: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 12:55:31 AM

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Subject: Support for City Council Bill 18-0230

Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee
2018
100 N Holliday St
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Date July 16,

SUBJECT: City Council Bill 18-0230

Dear Chairperson Costello and Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee members,

Jamar Day of 2224 Eutaw Place, 21217 supports the Transparency in Lobbying Act, and ask that you pass it with no amendments. We appreciate the good work of the City Council and see this legislation as a further step toward progress. We believe that all communities deserve to know what lobbying activities are happening through an open online portal. We believe

lobbyists should disclose who they are when meeting with public officials. We see this as good government legislation and hope for your support.

We look forward to the hearing on and a favorable report for the Transparency in Lobbying Act from the committee. Thank you once again for your diligence and commitment to this work.

Respectfully,

Jamar Edward Day
ACTIVE BALTIMORE RESIDENT

CC:
City Council President Jack Young
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From: [Costello, Eric](#)
To: [Queen](#)
Cc: [Cohen, Zeke](#); [Castagnola, Michael F.](#); [Griffin, Ateira](#); [Peters, Matthew](#)
Subject: RE: Support for City Council Bill 18-0230
Date: Monday, July 16, 2018 5:37:16 PM

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From: Queen . [<mailto:qnwafor@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018 5:36 PM
Cc: Cohen, Zeke; Castagnola, Michael F.; Griffin, Ateira
Subject: Support for City Council Bill 18-0230

Judiciary & Legislative Investigations Committee July 16, 2018
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Dear Chairperson Costello and Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee members,

Baltimore Rising supports the Transparency in Lobbying Act and asks that you pass it without amendment. We appreciate the good work of the City Council and see this legislation as a further step toward progress. We believe that all communities deserve to know what lobbying activities are happening through an open online portal. We believe lobbyists should disclose who they are when meeting with public officials.

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We look forward to the hearing on **August 7, 2018** and a favorable report for the Transparency in Lobbying Act from the committee.

Thank you once again for your diligence and commitment to this work.

Respectfully,

Queen U. Nwafor

CC:
Councilman Cohen

Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee
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Date July 16, 2018

SUBJECT: City Council Bill 18-0230

Dear Chairperson Costello and Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee members,

Danielle Gboizo supports the Transparency in Lobbying Act, and ask that you pass it with no amendments. We appreciate the good work of the City Council and see this legislation as a further step toward progress. We believe that all communities deserve to know what lobbying activities are happening through an open online portal. We believe lobbyists should disclose who they are when meeting with public officials. We see this as good government legislation and hope for your support.

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Respectfully,

Name
Danielle Gboizo

CC:
City Council President Jack Young
Councilman Cohen

Peters, Matthew

From: Costello, Eric
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018 3:09 PM
To: Domonique Flowers; City Council President; Clarke, Mary Pat; Bullock, John; Pinkett, Leon; Reisinger, Edward; Scott, Brandon; Stokes, Robert
Cc: Cohen, Zeke; Castagnola, Michael F.; Griffin, Ateira; Peters, Matthew
Subject: RE: Support for City Council Bill 18-0230

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Matt, please add the letter of support below to the bill file. Thanks, EC

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From: Domonique Flowers [mailto:domoniqueflowers@ymail.com]
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018 9:10 AM
To: City Council President; Costello, Eric; Clarke, Mary Pat; Bullock, John; Pinkett, Leon; Reisinger, Edward; Scott, Brandon; Stokes, Robert
Cc: Cohen, Zeke; Castagnola, Michael F.; Griffin, Ateira
Subject: Support for City Council Bill 18-0230

Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee July 16, 2018
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SUBJECT: City Council Bill 18-0230

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Respectfully,

Domonique Flowers
Baltimore Rising Member, Cohort 1

CC:
City Council President Jack Young
Councilman Cohen

Peters, Matthew

From: Costello, Eric
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018 2:13 PM
To: Brigitte Dumais; City Council President; Clarke, Mary Pat; Bullock, John; Pinkett, Leon; Reisinger, Edward; Scott, Brandon; Stokes, Robert; Peters, Matthew
Cc: Cohen, Zeke; Castagnola, Michael F.; Griffin, Ateira
Subject: Re: City Council Bill 18-0230, Favorable Report

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From: Brigitte Dumais <brigitte.dumais@1199.org>
Date: 7/16/18 12:28 (GMT-05:00)
To: City Council President <City.CouncilPresident@baltimorecity.gov>, "Costello, Eric" <Eric.Costello@baltimorecity.gov>, "Clarke, Mary Pat" <MaryPat.Clarke@baltimorecity.gov>, "Bullock, John" <John.Bullock@baltimorecity.gov>, "Pinkett, Leon" <Leon.Pinkett@baltimorecity.gov>, "Reisinger, Edward" <Edward.Reisinger@baltimorecity.gov>, "Scott, Brandon" <Brandon.Scott@baltimorecity.gov>, "Stokes, Robert" <Robert.Stokes@baltimorecity.gov>
Cc: "Cohen, Zeke" <Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov>, "Castagnola, Michael F." <Michael.Castagnola@baltimorecity.gov>, "Griffin, Ateira" <Ateira.Griffin@baltimorecity.gov>
Subject: City Council Bill 18-0230, Favorable Report

Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee
100 N Holliday St
Baltimore, MD 21202

Date: July 16th, 2018

Dear Chairperson Costello and Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee members,

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Respectfully,

Name

Brigette Dumais
Baltimore Rising, Cohort I
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443-931-1124

CC:
City Council President Jack Young
Councilman Cohen

Peters, Matthew

From: Costello, Eric
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018 2:12 PM
To: Fareeha Waheed; City Council President; Clarke, Mary Pat; Bullock, John; Pinkett, Leon; Reisinger, Edward; Scott, Brandon; Stokes, Robert; Peters, Matthew
Cc: Cohen, Zeke; Castagnola, Michael F.; Griffin, Ateira
Subject: Re: Support for City Council Bill 18-0230

Matt, please add to bill file.

Eric T. Costello
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Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: Fareeha Waheed <fareehawaheed.baltimore@gmail.com>
Date: 7/16/18 12:46 (GMT-05:00)
To: City Council President <City.CouncilPresident@baltimorecity.gov>, "Costello, Eric" <Eric.Costello@baltimorecity.gov>, "Clarke, Mary Pat" <MaryPat.Clarke@baltimorecity.gov>, "Bullock, John" <John.Bullock@baltimorecity.gov>, "Pinkett, Leon" <Leon.Pinkett@baltimorecity.gov>, "Reisinger, Edward" <Edward.Reisinger@baltimorecity.gov>, "Scott, Brandon" <Brandon.Scott@baltimorecity.gov>, "Stokes, Robert" <Robert.Stokes@baltimorecity.gov>
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CC:
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Councilman Cohen

Greater Greektown Neighborhood Alliance

10 July 2018

Chairperson Eric Costello
Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee
100 Holliday Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

RE: City Council Bill 18-0230

Dear Chairperson Costello:

I am writing to confirm that Greater Greektown Neighborhood Alliance supports Councilman Cohen's Transparency in Lobbying Act. Councilman Cohen asked at our April community meeting if GGNA would formally support his legislation. GGNA took a formal vote on the Transparency in Lobbying Act at our May community meeting with a majority of residents in support of Councilman Cohen's bill.

We look forward to the public hearing scheduled for Council Bill 18-0230 because it will provide residents an opportunity to learn more about the importance of government transparency. Thank you for taking the time to consider GGNA's official position on Council Bill 18-0230.

Sincerely,



Liam F. Davis
GGNA President

Cc: Councilman Zeke Cohen
Council President Bernard C. "Jack" Young
Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke
Councilman John Bullock
Councilman Leon Pinkett
Councilman Ed Reisinger
Councilman Brandon Scott
Councilman Robert Stokes
Matthew Peters, Council Services

*Greater Greektown Neighborhood Alliance
Liam Davis, President
Max Green, Vice President
Ameena Jain, Treasurer
Anthony Valenzuela, Secretary
Paul Wilson, Member-at-Large*

LFD 7/10/2018

Peters, Matthew

From: Costello, Eric
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 12:31 PM
To: oleta716@aol.com; Clarke, Mary Pat; Bullock, John; Pinkett, Leon; Reisinger, Edward; Scott, Brandon; Stokes, Robert
Cc: City Council President; Cohen, Zeke; Peters, Matthew
Subject: RE: City Council Bill 18-0230

Thanks.

Matt, please add to bill file.

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From: oleta716@aol.com [mailto:oleta716@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 5:47 PM
To: Costello, Eric; Clarke, Mary Pat; Bullock, John; Pinkett, Leon; Reisinger, Edward; Scott, Brandon; Stokes, Robert
Cc: City Council President; Cohen, Zeke
Subject: City Council Bill 18-0230

Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee
100 N Holliday St
Baltimore, MD 21202

Date July 10, 2018

SUBJECT: City Council Bill 18-0230

Dear Chairperson Costello and Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee members,

The Fell's Point Community Organization (FPCO) supports the Transparency in Lobbying Act, and asks that you pass it with no amendments. We appreciate the good work of the City Council and see this legislation as a further step toward progress. We believe that all communities deserve to know what lobbying activities are happening through an open online portal. We believe lobbyists should disclose who they are when meeting with public officials. We see this as good government legislation and hope for your support.

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Respectfully,

Joanne Masopust
president, Fell's Point Community Organization

CC: Zeke Cohen
City Council President Jack Young



the
UPPER FELL'S POINT
Improvement Association/Asociación de Mejoramiento
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Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee
100 N Holliday St
Baltimore, MD 21202

Date July 10, 2018

SUBJECT: City Council Bill 18-0230

Dear Chairperson Costello and Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee members, Upper Fell's Point Improvement Association supports the Transparency in Lobbying Act, and ask that you pass it with no amendments. We appreciate the good work of the City Council and see this legislation as a further step toward progress. We believe that all communities deserve to know what lobbying activities are happening through an open online portal. We believe lobbyists should disclose who they are when meeting with public officials. We see this as good government legislation and hope for your support.

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Respectfully,

Kurt W. Schiller
President
Upper Fell's Point Improvement Association

CC:
City Council President Jack Young
Councilman Cohen

City of Baltimore

City Council
City Hall, Room 408
100 North Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland
21202

Meeting Agenda - Final

Judiciary and Legislative Investigations

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

10:00 AM

Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall

18-0230

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

18-0230

Ethics Code - Transparency in Lobbying Act

For the purpose of requiring quarterly rather than annual lobbying reports from lobbyists; requiring the Ethics Board to post lobbying reports online within 30 days of their receipt; requiring that lobbyists affirmatively identify themselves and their clients when engaging in lobbying activities; allowing the Ethics Board to prohibit a person found to have violated the lobbying provisions of the Ethics Code from lobbying City public servants for up to 3 years; clarifying and conforming related provisions; and generally relating to the regulation of lobbyists.

Sponsors:

Zeke Cohen, Mary Pat Clarke, Bill Henry, President Young, Ryan Dorsey, John T. Bullock, Leon F. Pinkett, III, Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, Brandon M. Scott, Shannon Sneed, Edward Reisinger, Sharon Green Middleton, Robert Stokes, Sr., Kristerfer Burnett

ADJOURNMENT

THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

CITY OF BALTIMORE

CATHERINE E. PUGH, Mayor



OFFICE OF COUNCIL SERVICES

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BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations

Bill 18-0230

Ethics Code - Transparency In Lobbying Act

Sponsor: Councilmember Cohen, et al
Introduced: April 23, 2018

Purpose:

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Effective: 30th day after the date it is enacted

Hearing Date/Time/Location: August 7, 2018/10:00 a.m./Clarence "Du" Burns Chamber

AGENCY REPORTS

Department of Finance
City Solicitor
Board of Ethics

No Objections
Favorable

ANALYSIS

Current Law

Article 8, Subtitle 8 of the Baltimore City Code establishes requirements and prohibitions for persons who engage in certain lobbying activities for the purpose of influencing legislative or executive actions of the City. Specifically, lobbyists must register with the Baltimore City

Ethics Board and submit annual activity reports by January 31 of each year detailing their lobbying activity for the preceding year. Additionally, lobbyists must not knowingly make false statements of material fact to any public servant or conceal the identity of the client on whose behalf they are lobbying.

Article 8, Subtitle 9 provides for administrative sanctions and criminal penalties for lobbying violations. Administrative sanctions imposed by the Ethics Board can include, among other things, cease and desist orders and fines of up to \$1,000 for each violation. Additionally, any person who knowingly violates a provision of Subtitle 8 is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment of not more than 12 months or both.

Sections 5-807 and 5-810 of the General Provisions Article of the Maryland Code require local jurisdictions to enact lobbying provisions that are substantially similar to the provisions of State law, with modifications that the jurisdiction considers necessary and appropriate. Section 5-705 of the General Provisions Article requires persons who lobby the State government to submit semi-annual activity reports by May 31 and November 30 of each year. Section 5-901 et seq. provides for civil and criminal penalties for violations related to lobbying.

Bill Summary and Background

Bill 18-0230 would replace the existing requirement for lobbyists to file annual activity reports with a requirement that lobbyists file quarterly activity reports by January 31, April 30, July 31, and October 31 of each year. Additionally, the bill would require the Ethics Board to post on its website a copy of each activity report within 30 days. The Department of Finance noted in its report that this requirement will likely result in some additional costs to the Department of Legislative Reference, which staffs the Ethics Board, for necessary technology or staff support.

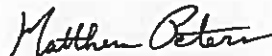
The bill would further oblige individuals who are required to register as lobbyists, or expect that they will soon be required to register, to affirmatively identify themselves as lobbyists and to identify the clients on whose behalf they are lobbying when they interact with any City official or employee.

Finally, the bill would allow the Ethics Board to impose the additional administrative sanction of prohibiting the violator from engaging in any lobbying activity to influence any City official or employee for up to three years, and would subject anyone who knowingly fails to comply with an administrative sanction to criminal penalties.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Fiscal Note: None

Information Source(s): Baltimore City Code, Maryland Code, Department of Finance,
Department of Law, Bill 18-0230.



Analysis by:

Matthew L. Peters

Direct Inquiries to: (410) 396-1268

Analysis Date:

August 3, 2018

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 18-0230
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Cohen, Clarke, Henry, President Young, Councilmembers
Dorsey, Bullock, Pinkett, Schleifer, Scott, Sneed, Reisinger, Stokes, Middleton, Burnett
Introduced and read first time: April 23, 2018

Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Board of Ethics, Department of Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Ethics Code – Transparency in Lobbying Act**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring quarterly rather than annual lobbying reports from lobbyists;
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18 Baltimore City Code
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20 BY adding

21 Article 8 - Ethics
22 Section(s) 8-27
23 Baltimore City Code
24 (Edition 2000)

25 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the**
26 **Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:**

27 **Baltimore City Code**

28 **Article 8. Ethics**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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Subtitle 8. Lobbying

Part I. Definitions

§ 8-1. Definitions.

(f) *Reporting period.*

“Reporting period” means the period from January 1 of any year through December 31 of the same year.

Part II. Registration Required

§ 8-6. In general.

Except as otherwise specified in Part V {“Exemptions”} of this subtitle, a person who engages in any activity described in this Part II must register with the Ethics Board.

§ 8-7. Legislative lobbying.

A person must register if, during a reporting period, the person:

- (1) for the purpose of influencing any legislative action, communicates with a public servant; and
- (2) in furtherance of or in connection with all such communications for that or any other legislative action, and all activities relating to those communications:
 - (i) expends \$100 or more for gifts, including meals, beverages, or special events, to 1 or more public servants;
 - (ii) incurs any expenses of \$500 or more; or
 - (iii) earns \$2,500 or more in compensation.

§ 8-8. Executive lobbying.

(a) *In general.*

A person must register if, during a reporting period, the person:

- (1) for the purpose of influencing any executive action, communicates with a public servant; and
- (2) in furtherance of or in connection with all such communications for that or any other executive action, and all activities relating to those communications, expends \$100 or more for gifts, including meals, beverages, or special events, to 1 or more public servants.

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1 (b) *Regulations; Executive Orders.*

2 A person must register if, during a reporting period, the person:

3 (1) for the purpose of influencing the development, adoption, issuance, or amendment
4 of regulations or of an executive order, communicates with a public servant; and

5 (2) in furtherance of or in connection with all such communications for that or any
6 other executive action, and all activities relating to those communications:

7 (i) expends \$100 or more for gifts, including meals, beverages, or special
8 events, to 1 or more public servants;

9 (ii) incurs any expenses of \$500 or more; or

10 (iii) earns \$2,500 or more in compensation.

11 (c) *Procurement.*

12 (1) A person must register if, during a reporting period, the person:

13 (i) for the purpose of influencing executive action on a procurement contract that
14 exceeds \$50,000, communicates with a public servant; and

15 (ii) in furtherance of or in connection with all such communications for that or any
16 other executive action, and all activities relating to those communications:

17 (A) expends \$100 or more for gifts, including meals, beverages, or special
18 events, to 1 or more public servants; or

19 (B) except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, is compensated
20 for his or her services.

21 (2) Paragraph (1)(ii)(B) of this subsection does not apply to a bona fide salesperson or
22 commercial selling agency employed or maintained by an employer for the purpose of
23 soliciting or securing a procurement contract, as long as the person engages in no
24 other acts during the reporting period that require registration.

25 (d) *Business grants or loans.*

26 (1) A person must register if, during a reporting period, the person:

27 (i) for the purpose of influencing executive action to secure for a business entity a
28 grant or loan that exceeds \$50,000, communicates with a public servant; and

29 (ii) in furtherance of or in connection with all such communications for that or any
30 other executive action, and all activities relating to those communications:

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1 (A) expends \$100 or more for gifts, including meals, beverages, or special
2 events, to 1 or more public servants; or

3 (B) except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, is compensated
4 for his or her services.

5 (2) Paragraph (1)(ii)(B) of this subsection does not apply to either of the following, as
6 long as the person engages in no other acts during the reporting period that require
7 registration:

8 (i) a bona fide full-time official or employee of a business entity that is seeking to
9 secure a grant or loan; or

10 (ii) a person who is seeking a grant or loan for the purpose of locating, relocating,
11 or expanding a business in or into the City.

12 **§ 8-9. "Grass roots" lobbying.**

13 A person must register if, during a reporting period, the person:

14 (1) for the purpose of influencing any legislative or executive action, solicits others to
15 communicate with a public servant; and

16 (2) in furtherance of or in connection with that solicitation, expends \$1,000 or more,
17 including expenditures for salaries, contractual employees, postage,
18 telecommunications services, electronic services, advertising, printing, or delivery
19 services.

20 ***Part IV. Activity Reports***

21 **§ 8-16. In general.**

22 (a) *Report required.*

23 A lobbyist must file with the Ethics Board an activity report for each QUARTER OF A
24 reporting period for which the lobbyist is registered or required to be registered.

25 (b) *When and for whom filed.*

26 (1) [For each reporting period, the activity report] A QUARTERLY REPORT must be filed by
27 the APRIL 30, JULY 31, OCTOBER 31, AND January 31 that first follows [that] EACH
28 QUARTER OF A reporting period.

29 (2) A separate report must be filed for each person on whose behalf the lobbyist acted.

30 (c) *Form .*

31 (1) Each Report must be:

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1 (i) filed on the form the Ethics Board provides; and

2 (ii) signed under oath or affirmation, subject to the penalties of perjury.

3 (2) If the lobbyist is not an individual, then an authorized officer or agent of the lobbyist
4 must sign the report.

5 **§ 8-18. Contents – Compensation.**

6 (a) *In general.*

7 Except as provided in subsection (c) of this subsection, each report must include the total
8 compensation paid to the lobbyist in connection with lobbying activities THROUGH THE
9 END OF THE PRECEDING QUARTER.

10 (b) *Prorated amounts.*

11 If the compensation being reported is a prorated amount, it must be so labeled.

12 (c) *Exceptions.*

13 This section does not apply to:

14 (1) expenses otherwise reported under other sections of this Part IV; or

15 (2) salaries, compensation, and reimbursed expenses for the lobbyist's staff.

16 **§ 8-19. Contents – Expenses.**

17 (a) *Staff, research, and assistance.*

18 Except as reported under § 8-18 {"Contents — Compensation"} of this subtitle, each
19 report must include the total amount expended in connection with the lobbying activities
20 THROUGH THE END OF THE PRECEDING QUARTER for:

21 (1) office expenses of the lobbyist; and

22 (2) professional and technical research and assistance.

23 (b) *Publications.*

24 Each report must include the total amount expended in connection with the lobbying
25 activities THROUGH THE END OF THE PRECEDING QUARTER for publications that expressly
26 encourage others to communicate with 1 or more public servants.

27 (c) *Witnesses.*

28 Each report must include:

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1 (1) the total amount expended in connection with lobbying activities for witnesses
2 THROUGH THE END OF THE PRECEDING QUARTER;

3 (2) the name of each witness; and

4 (3) the fees and expenses paid to each.

5 (d) *Food, beverages, gifts, etc.*

6 (1) Each report must include the total amount expended for each of the following
7 THROUGH THE END OF THE PRECEDING QUARTER, whether or not expended in
8 connection with lobbying activities:

9 (i) meals and beverages for a public servant or the spouse, parent, child, or
10 sibling of a public servant;

11 (ii) special events, including parties, dinners, athletic events, entertainment, and
12 other functions, to which a public servant or the spouse, parent, child, or
13 sibling of a public servant is invited;

14 (iii) food, lodging, or scheduled entertainment of a public servant or the spouse,
15 parent, child, or sibling of a public servant while attending a meeting;

16 (iv) tickets or free admission for a public servant or the spouse, parent, child, or
17 sibling of a public servant to attend a professional or intercollegiate sporting
18 event or a charitable, cultural, or political event; and

19 (v) other gifts to or for a public servant or the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of a
20 public servant.

21 (2) The lobbyist must report the name of any public servant or the spouse, parent, child,
22 or sibling of a public servant who benefitted from:

23 (i) expenses reported under paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection; or

24 (ii) expenses reported under paragraph (1)(iii) of this subsection, if more than
25 \$200 was expended for the benefit of the public servant, spouse, parent, child,
26 or sibling.

27 (3) Expenses reported under paragraph (1)(ii), (iii), and (iv) of this subsection must be
28 itemized by:

29 (i) the date and location of each event or activity; and

30 (ii) the total expense of the lobbyist for the event or activity.

31 (e) *Other expenses.*

32 Each report must include the total amount expended for all other expenses incurred in
33 connection with the lobbying activities THROUGH THE END OF THE PRECEDING QUARTER..

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1 § 8-27. REPORTS TO BE PUBLIC.

2 ALL REPORTS FILED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE ARE PUBLIC DOCUMENTS AND THE ETHICS
3 BOARD MUST POST ON ITS WEBSITE A COPY OF EACH REPORT WITHIN 30 DAYS OF ITS
4 RECEIPT BY THE BOARD.

5 *Part VI. Prohibited Conduct*

6 § 8-42. Veracity and candor.

7 [A lobbyist may not:]

8 (A) *VERACITY REQUIRED.*

9 [(1) while] WHILE engaging in lobbying activities A LOBBYIST, OR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO
10 EXPECTS SHE OR HE WILL SOON BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS A LOBBYIST, MAY NOT
11 knowingly make to a public servant a statement of material fact that relates to the
12 lobbying activity and that the lobbyist knows to be false[; or].

13 [(2) while engaging in lobbying activities on behalf of a person, knowingly conceal from
14 a public servant the identity of that person.]

15 (B) *DUTY TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AND THEIR CLIENTS.*

16 WHILE ENGAGING IN LOBBYING ACTIVITIES A LOBBYIST, OR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO EXPECTS
17 SHE OR HE WILL SOON BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS A LOBBYIST, MUST, IN ANY
18 INTERACTION WITH A PUBLIC SERVANT:

19 (1) AFFIRMATIVELY IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AS A LOBBYIST; AND

20 (2) IDENTIFY THE PERSON ON WHOSE BEHALF THEY ARE LOBBYING.

21 **Subtitle 9. Enforcement**

22 *Part II. Administrative Sanctions*

23 § 9-5. Lobbying violations.

24 If, after considering a complaint brought under Subtitle 5 {"Complaints"} of this article, the
25 Ethics Board determines that the respondent has violated any provision of Subtitle 8
26 {"Lobbying"} of this article, the Board may take any 1 or more of the following actions:

27 (1) require a respondent who is a lobbyist to file any additional reports or information
28 that reasonably relates to the information required by Subtitle 8;

29 (2) impose a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000 for each violation;

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1 (3) PROHIBIT A RESPONDENT FROM ENGAGING IN ANY LOBBYING ACTIVITIES INTENDED TO
2 INFLUENCE ANY CITY PUBLIC SERVANT ON ANY MATTER FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE
3 THAN 3 YEARS; or

4 (4) [(3)] take any other action authorized by § 9-4 {"In general"} of this subtitle.

5 ***PART VI. CRIMINAL PENALTIES***

6 **§ 9-22. Violations of lobbying subtitle.**

7 (a) *In general.*

8 Any person who knowingly violates a provision of Subtitle 8 {"Lobbying"} of this
9 article, OR FAILS TO COMPLY WITH AN ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTION IMPOSED UNDER § 9-5.
10 {"LOBBYING VIOLATIONS"} OF THIS SUBTITLE, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on
11 conviction, is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment of not more than
12 12 months or both.

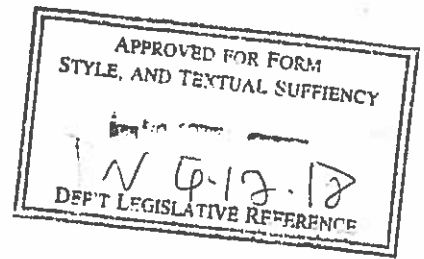
13 (b) *Officers and partners.*

14 If the person is a business or other entity, each officer or partner of the entity who
15 knowingly authorizes or participates in the violation is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on
16 conviction, is subject to the penalty specified in subsection (a) of this section.

17 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance
18 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior
19 Ordinance.

20 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
21 after the date it is enacted.

INTRODUCTORY*
CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL _____



Introduced by: Councilmember Cohen

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Section(s) 8-27
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

Baltimore City Code

Article 8. Ethics

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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Subtitle 8. Lobbying

Part I. Definitions

§ 8-1. Definitions.

(f) *Reporting period.*

“Reporting period” means the period from January 1 of any year through December 31 of the same year.

Part II. Registration Required

§ 8-6. In general.

Except as otherwise specified in Part V {“Exemptions”} of this subtitle, a person who engages in any activity described in this Part II must register with the Ethics Board.

§ 8-7. Legislative lobbying.

A person must register if, during a reporting period, the person:

- (1) for the purpose of influencing any legislative action, communicates with a public servant; and
- (2) in furtherance of or in connection with all such communications for that or any other legislative action, and all activities relating to those communications:
 - (i) expends \$100 or more for gifts, including meals, beverages, or special events, to 1 or more public servants;
 - (ii) incurs any expenses of \$500 or more; or
 - (iii) earns \$2,500 or more in compensation.

§ 8-8. Executive lobbying.

(a) *In general.*

A person must register if, during a reporting period, the person:

- (1) for the purpose of influencing any executive action, communicates with a public servant; and
- (2) in furtherance of or in connection with all such communications for that or any other executive action, and all activities relating to those communications, expends \$100 or more for gifts, including meals, beverages, or special events, to 1 or more public servants.

(b) *Regulations; Executive Orders.*

A person must register if, during a reporting period, the person:

- (1) for the purpose of influencing the development, adoption, issuance, or amendment of regulations or of an executive order, communicates with a public servant; and
- (2) in furtherance of or in connection with all such communications for that or any other executive action, and all activities relating to those communications:
 - (i) expends \$100 or more for gifts, including meals, beverages, or special events, to 1 or more public servants;
 - (ii) incurs any expenses of \$500 or more; or
 - (iii) earns \$2,500 or more in compensation.

(c) *Procurement.*

(1) A person must register if, during a reporting period, the person:

- (i) for the purpose of influencing executive action on a procurement contract that exceeds \$50,000, communicates with a public servant; and
 - (ii) in furtherance of or in connection with all such communications for that or any other executive action, and all activities relating to those communications:
 - (A) expends \$100 or more for gifts, including meals, beverages, or special events, to 1 or more public servants; or
 - (B) except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, is compensated for his or her services.
- (2) Paragraph (1)(ii)(B) of this subsection does not apply to a bona fide salesperson or commercial selling agency employed or maintained by an employer for the purpose of soliciting or securing a procurement contract, as long as the person engages in no other acts during the reporting period that require registration.

(d) *Business grants or loans.*

(1) A person must register if, during a reporting period, the person:

- (i) for the purpose of influencing executive action to secure for a business entity a grant or loan that exceeds \$50,000, communicates with a public servant; and
- (ii) in furtherance of or in connection with all such communications for that or any other executive action, and all activities relating to those communications:
 - (A) expends \$100 or more for gifts, including meals, beverages, or special events, to 1 or more public servants; or
 - (B) except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, is compensated for his or her services.

(2) Paragraph (1)(ii)(B) of this subsection does not apply to either of the following, as long as the person engages in no other acts during the reporting period that require registration:

- (i) a bona fide full-time official or employee of a business entity that is seeking to secure a grant or loan; or
- (ii) a person who is seeking a grant or loan for the purpose of locating, relocating, or expanding a business in or into the City.

§ 8-9. “Grass roots” lobbying.

A person must register if, during a reporting period, the person:

- (1) for the purpose of influencing any legislative or executive action, solicits others to communicate with a public servant; and
- (2) in furtherance of or in connection with that solicitation, expends \$1,000 or more, including expenditures for salaries, contractual employees, postage, telecommunications services, electronic services, advertising, printing, or delivery services.

Part IV. Activity Reports

§ 8-16. In general.

(a) *Report required.*

A lobbyist must file with the Ethics Board an activity report for each QUARTER OF A reporting period for which the lobbyist is registered or required to be registered.

(b) *When and for whom filed.*

(1) [For each reporting period, the activity report] A QUARTERLY REPORT must be filed by the APRIL 30, JULY 31, OCTOBER 31, AND January 31 that first follows [that] EACH QUARTER OF A reporting period.

(2) A separate report must be filed for each person on whose behalf the lobbyist acted.

(c) *Form .*

(1) Each Report must be:

- (i) filed on the form the Ethics Board provides; and
- (ii) signed under oath or affirmation, subject to the penalties of perjury.

(2) If the lobbyist is not an individual, then an authorized officer or agent of the lobbyist must sign the report.

§ 8-18. Contents – Compensation.

(a) *In general.*

Except as provided in subsection (c) of this subsection, each report must include the total compensation paid to the lobbyist in connection with lobbying activities THROUGH THE END OF THE PRECEDING QUARTER .

(b) *Prorated amounts.*

If the compensation being reported is a prorated amount, it must be so labeled.

(c) *Exceptions.*

This section does not apply to:

- (1) expenses otherwise reported under other sections of this Part IV; or
- (2) salaries, compensation, and reimbursed expenses for the lobbyist's staff.

§ 8-19. Contents – Expenses.

(a) *Staff, research, and assistance.*

Except as reported under § 8-18 {"Contents — Compensation"} of this subtitle, each report must include the total amount expended in connection with the lobbying activities THROUGH THE END OF THE PRECEDING QUARTER for:

- (1) office expenses of the lobbyist; and
- (2) professional and technical research and assistance.

(b) *Publications.*

Each report must include the total amount expended in connection with the lobbying activities THROUGH THE END OF THE PRECEDING QUARTER for publications that expressly encourage others to communicate with 1 or more public servants.

(c) *Witnesses.*

Each report must include:

- (1) the total amount expended in connection with lobbying activities for witnesses THROUGH THE END OF THE PRECEDING QUARTER ;
- (2) the name of each witness; and
- (3) the fees and expenses paid to each.

(d) *Food, beverages, gifts, etc.*

- (1) Each report must include the total amount expended for each of the following THROUGH THE END OF THE PRECEDING QUARTER , whether or not expended in connection with lobbying activities:
 - (i) meals and beverages for a public servant or the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of a public servant;

- (ii) special events, including parties, dinners, athletic events, entertainment, and other functions, to which a public servant or the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of a public servant is invited;
 - (iii) food, lodging, or scheduled entertainment of a public servant or the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of a public servant while attending a meeting;
 - (iv) tickets or free admission for a public servant or the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of a public servant to attend a professional or intercollegiate sporting event or a charitable, cultural, or political event; and
 - (v) other gifts to or for a public servant or the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of a public servant.
- (2) The lobbyist must report the name of any public servant or the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of a public servant who benefitted from:
- (i) expenses reported under paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection; or
 - (ii) expenses reported under paragraph (1)(iii) of this subsection, if more than \$200 was expended for the benefit of the public servant, spouse, parent, child, or sibling.
- (3) Expenses reported under paragraph (1)(ii), (iii), and (iv) of this subsection must be itemized by:
- (i) the date and location of each event or activity; and
 - (ii) the total expense of the lobbyist for the event or activity.
- (e) *Other expenses.*

Each report must include the total amount expended for all other expenses incurred in connection with the lobbying activities THROUGH THE END OF THE PRECEDING QUARTER ..

§ 8-27. REPORTS TO BE PUBLIC.

ALL REPORTS FILED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE ARE PUBLIC DOCUMENTS AND THE ETHICS BOARD MUST POST ON ITS WEBSITE A COPY OF EACH REPORT WITHIN 30 DAYS OF ITS RECEIPT BY THE BOARD.

Part VI. Prohibited Conduct

§ 8-42. Veracity and candor.

[A lobbyist may not:]

(A) *VERACITY REQUIRED.*

[(1) while] WHILE engaging in lobbying activities A LOBBYIST, OR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO EXPECTS SHE OR HE WILL SOON BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS A LOBBYIST , MAY NOT knowingly make to a public servant a statement of material fact that relates to the lobbying activity and that the lobbyist knows to be false[; or].

[(2) while engaging in lobbying activities on behalf of a person, knowingly conceal from a public servant the identity of that person.]

(B) *DUTY TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AND THEIR CLIENTS .*

WHILE ENGAGING IN LOBBYING ACTIVITIES A LOBBYIST , OR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO EXPECTS SHE OR HE WILL SOON BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS A LOBBYIST , MUST, IN ANY INTERACTION WITH A PUBLIC SERVANT :

- (1) AFFIRMATIVELY IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AS A LOBBYIST ; AND
- (2) IDENTIFY THE PERSON ON WHOSE BEHALF THEY ARE LOBBYING .

Subtitle 9. Enforcement

Part II. Administrative Sanctions

§ 9-5. Lobbying violations.

If, after considering a complaint brought under Subtitle 5 {"Complaints"} of this article, the Ethics Board determines that the respondent has violated any provision of Subtitle 8 {"Lobbying"} of this article, the Board may take any 1 or more of the following actions:

- (1) require a respondent who is a lobbyist to file any additional reports or information that reasonably relates to the information required by Subtitle 8;
- (2) impose a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000 for each violation;
- (3) PROHIBIT A RESPONDENT FROM ENGAGING IN ANY LOBBYING ACTIVITIES INTENDED TO INFLUENCE ANY CITY PUBLIC SERVANT ON ANY MATTER FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 3 YEARS; or
- (4) [(3)] take any other action authorized by § 9-4 {"In general"} of this subtitle.

PART VI. CRIMINAL PENALTIES

§ 9-22. Violations of lobbying subtitle.

(a) *In general.*

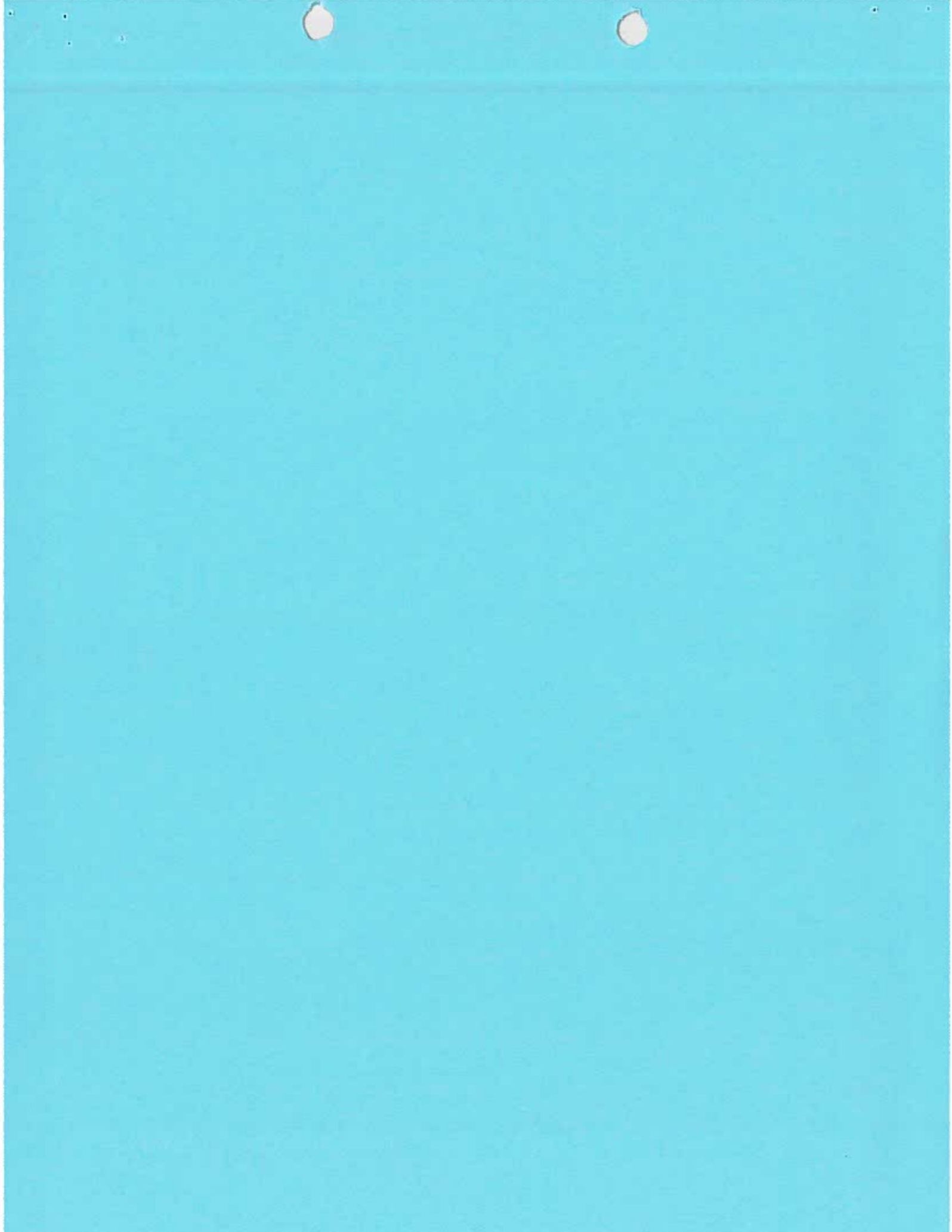
Any person who knowingly violates a provision of Subtitle 8 {"Lobbying"} of this article, OR FAILS TO COMPLY WITH AN ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTION IMPOSED UNDER § 9-5. {"LOBBYING VIOLATIONS"} OF THIS SUBTITLE, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment of not more than 12 months or both.

(b) *Officers and partners.*

If the person is a business or other entity, each officer or partner of the entity who knowingly authorizes or participates in the violation is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to the penalty specified in subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior Ordinance.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day after the date it is enacted.



ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL

APR 23 2018
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FIRST READING (INTRODUCTION) _____

PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON August 7, 2018 ; Work Session on August 21, 2018 20

COMMITTEE REPORT AS OF September 17, 2018 20

____ FAVORABLE ____ UNFAVORABLE FAVORABLE AS AMENDED ____ WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

E.T. Cook

Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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SECOND READING: The Council's action being favorable (unfavorable), this City Council bill was (was not) ordered printed for Third Reading on:

SEP 17 2018
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Amendments were read and adopted (defeated) as indicated on the copy attached to this blue backing.

THIRD READING _____ OCT 15 2018
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____ Amendments were read and adopted (defeated) as indicated on the copy attached to this blue backing.

THIRD READING (ENROLLED) _____ 20

____ Amendments were read and adopted (defeated) as indicated on the copy attached to this blue backing.

THIRD READING (RE-ENROLLED) _____ 20

WITHDRAWAL _____ 20

There being no objections to the request for withdrawal, it was so ordered that this City Council Ordinance be withdrawn from the files of the City Council.

Paul DeFuria

President

Steven J. Lavin

Chief Clerk