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Lobbyist Ordinance
It is the law and may affect you!

Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code, Lobbyist Ordinance was adopted by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in April 1993. The ordinance requires persons, who are compensated for communicating with any County official in order to influence official action, to register with the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors. The Ordinance also requires lobbyist employers, individuals and/or entities employing County lobbyists to register.

"Do I need to register as a lobbyist?"

Any person who meets the requirements of either of the following test is considered a lobbyist.

The Compensation Test:

The person receives or becomes entitled to receive at least $1,000 in compensation in any calendar month for influencing official County action. Compensation received by a full time employee engaged primarily to perform services other than influencing official action, or for administrative testimony, shall not be included in computing the amount of compensation in this test.

The Contact Test:

The person receives or becomes entitled to receive any amount of compensation for engaging in direct communication, other than administrative testimony, with County officials for the purpose of influencing official County action on at least five separate occasions in any three consecutive calendar months.

Lobbyist Registration

Within 10 days of first becoming a County lobbyist, lobbying firm or lobbyist employer, that person or entity shall file with the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors the necessary completed registration forms. Thereafter, registration must be renewed annually.

Gifts

2.160.010 Gift Prohibition

No county lobbyist or county lobbying firm shall make to a county official and no county official shall knowingly receive from a registered county lobbyist or registered county lobbying firm a gift or gifts aggregating more than $50 in any calendar month. No county lobbyist or county lobbying firm shall act as an agent or intermediary in the making of such gift or arrange for the making of any such gift by any other person.

CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLATING THE LOBBYIST ORDINANCE

- **Suspension and or termination of lobbyist registration.**
- **Denial of permission to address the Board of Supervisors or any County commission.**
- **Denial of County contracts, licenses, permits, grants and franchises.**
- **An Administrative fine of up to $5,000 per violation.**
- **A Non-Compliance Fee of up to $5,000 per violation.**
- **Civil liability of up to $5,000.**
- **Additional fees for late filings.**

PERSONS OR ENTITIES SPENDING $5000 OR MORE TO INFLUENCE OFFICIAL COUNTY ACTION

Persons or entities who do not qualify as a lobbyist, who do not employ a lobbyist or contract with a lobbying firm, but who make payments to influence official County action aggregation $5000 or more in a calendar quarter must file a report with the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors.

Campaign Contributions

On December 5, 1996, Proposition B, approved by the voters at the November 5, 1996 General Election, became effective. Chapter 2.190 was added to the Los Angeles County Code relating to campaign contributions.

2.190.130 Lobbyist Contributions

No county official or candidate for county office shall solicit or accept any contribution to his or her campaign for county office or to his or her officeholder account or attorney's fees fund from any person or firm who is registered under Chapter 2.160 as a county lobbyist or county lobbying firm or who has been so registered at any time in the previous 12 months. No person or firm who is registered under Chapter 2.160 as a county lobbyist or county lobbying firm or who has been so registered at any time in the previous 12 months shall make any contribution to any county official or candidate for county office.