



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Recommendation number: 20160810-003D

Lobby Reform

WHEREAS, the Community Technology & Telecommunications Commission includes within its scope to provide recommendations to the City Council of the City of Austin regarding Open Government policies; and

WHEREAS, the Community Technology & Telecommunications Commission recognizes the importance to democratic government that equal opportunity be afforded to the people to petition their grievances and express freely their ideas and opinions to their government; and

WHEREAS, the Community Technology & Telecommunications Commission recognizes the importance of transparency in order to maintain the integrity of the decision-making process in local government within Austin; and

WHEREAS, the Community Technology & Telecommunications Commission recognizes that the data being collected and made available to the public regarding lobbying activities is incomplete due to the vague definition of who must register as a city lobbyist;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY
AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION:**

That the Austin City Council approve the proposed [Lobby Reform Ordinance](#) that would update disclosure and digital publishing requirements for lobbyists paid to influence City policy adoption and implementation through communications with elected Council Members, appointed City Management and Directors, and other City staff.

Date of Approval: August 10, 2016

Record of Vote: Approved by the Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission on an 8-0 vote with Commissioners Johnson and Singh absent.

ATTEST:



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