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#### 1. <u>Purpose</u>

1.1 To establish the responsibilities and procedures for reporting of lobbying activities by City personnel as required by the State of California Political Reform Act of 1974.

#### 2. <u>Scope</u>

2.1 This regulation applies to all City employees (except elected officials) who engage in lobbying for the City of San Diego to influence California State legislative or administrative action.

#### 3. <u>Definition</u>

- 3.1 <u>Lobbyist</u> A person who: (1) Is compensated for the purpose of influencing legislative or administrative action, directly or through an agent, and (2) who engages in such activity on a substantial or a regular basis.
- 3.2 <u>Lobbyist Employer</u> Any individual, firm, corporation, association, local government agency, or any other organization or group of persons acting in concert who, inter alia, directly employ, contract for, or retain a lobbyist to influence or attempt to influence legislative or administrative action.
- 3.3 <u>Influencing Legislative or Administrative Action</u> Promoting, supporting, influencing, modifying, opposing or delaying any legislative or administrative action by any means, including but not limited to the provision or use of information, statistics, studies or analyses.
- 3.4 <u>Report of Lobbyist Employer</u> (Form 650) used to disclose lobbying activity and all payments to influence legislative or administrative action made by the filer during a reporting period. Reports are made quarterly beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> each year.
- 3.5 <u>Administrative Action</u> Includes the proposal, drafting, development, consideration, amendment, enactment or defeat by any state agency of any rule, regulation, or other action in any rate-setting proceeding or any quasi-legislative proceeding.
- 3.6 <u>Legislative Action</u> The drafting, introduction, consideration, modification, enactment or defeat of any bill, resolution, amendment, report, nomination or other matter by the Legislature or by either house or any committee, sub-committee, joint or select committee thereof, or by a member or employee of the Legislature acting in his official capacity. "Legislative Action" also means the action of the Governor in approving or vetoing any bill.

Authorized

(Signed by W. G. Sage)

(Signed by Ray W. Blair, Jr.)

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#### 4. <u>State Policy</u>

- 4.1 The City is required as an "employer of lobbyists" to file periodic (quarterly) reports detailing the lobbying activity by an expenditures made to its lobbyist in Sacramento. In addition, the City, as a lobbyist employer, is required to report its expenditures and lobbying activities engaged in by City employees and officials.
- 4.2 City elected officials are exempted from report requirements. However, any staff members of the elected officials as well as all other City employees are subject to the reporting requirements outlined in this Regulation.
- 4.3 All time spent in lobbying activities by a staff member in excess of 10% (17 hours per month) of his/her monthly compensated time must be reported. In addition, the name and title of employees whose proportionate reportable compensation is \$1,000.00 or more during the reporting period (3 months) must be reported.

#### 5. <u>City Policy</u>

- 5.1 The Auditor and Comptroller will coordinate and prepare reports of City lobbying activities required by the Political Reform Act of 1974.
- 5.2 The following activities are reportable, when such activities are for the purpose of influencing State legislative or administrative action:
  - a. Public appearances before legislative or administrative bodies;
  - b. Personal meetings with "state officials";
  - c. Telephone conversations with such officials;
  - d. Conversations with such officials;
  - e. Preparation of testimony for use in attempts to influence legislative or administrative action;
  - f. Service on any committee, commission or other administrative body, the purpose of which is to influence legislative or administrative action. (Such services are reportable only if the salary is paid for by the City of San Diego; if the salary for such services is paid for by the State agency on which the City employee serves or if the service is given on a person's own time, such activity is not reportable).

#### 6. Procedure

6.1 <u>City Lobbyist</u> -Provide a listing each quarter prior to the 15<sup>th</sup> of January, April, July and October to the Auditor and Comptroller of specific State legislation or administrative action actively influenced or attempted to influence over the preceding quarter.

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- 6.2 <u>Intergovernmental Relations Department</u> Process all expenditures made to the City Lobbyist or made on behalf of the City Lobbyist. Insure the accounting for such expenditures by using Job Orders 001521 or 001522 to identify costs to influence State of California legislation or administrative action. Use other appropriate Job Orders to identify expenditures for influencing other governments' legislation or administrative action.
- 6.3 <u>All City Departments</u> Report to the City Auditor and Comptroller each quarter by the 15<sup>th</sup> of January, April, July and October the following on Form AC-1503 "Activity to Influence Legislative or Administrative Action":
  - a. In connection with Paragraph 5.2-a, identify the nature of the appearance, the nature of the legislative or administrative action attempted to be influenced, the state agency or legislative body before which the appearance was made, and the salary for the actual time spent and the amount of time testifying or making a similar presentation. With respect to testimony or other presentations prepared, detail the salary for the time spent preparing the text thereof, including the time of support staff spent thereon.
  - b. With respect to Paragraphs 5.2-b and 5.2-c, identify the agency or legislative body of the state official, the specific issues discussed, the cost and time of the telephone call, and the salary for the time spent with such officials.
  - c. With respect to correspondence with state officials, identify the state agency or legislative body of the official written to, the legislative or administrative action to which the correspondence related, and the salary for the time spent preparing the final correspondence, including that of support staff spent assisting with the preparation of such correspondence. Incidental expenses that may be incurred, such as postage, must be reported as well.
  - d. When a meeting with a state official requires transportation and associated expenses, (such as a trip to Sacramento to appear before a legislative committee), itemize the costs of transportation, meals, lodging, and related business expenses together with the names and addresses of the payee and beneficiary of each expense.
  - e. If a meeting with a state official includes any expenses, such as the purchase of a meal for the official, identify the official, indicate the total cost of the meal, the portion of that cost attributable to the meal of the official, any related expenses, and the names and addresses of the payee and beneficiary of each expense.
  - f. All expenses, time and salaries spent in the preparation of reports, correspondence, or research data at the request of one of the City's registered lobbyists in connection with his or her lobbying activities are reportable.

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7. <u>Preparation of Reports to Auditor</u> - See Attachment A for examples of reportable information and format for the "Report of Activity to Influence Legislative or Administrative Action", Form AC-1503, to be prepared and forwarded to the Auditor and Comptroller as prescribed in paragraph 6.3.

# APPENDIX

#### Legal Reference

Government Code of California, Sections 81000 - 91014, Political Reform Act of 1974.

Forms Involved

AC-1503, "Activity to Influence Legislative or Administrative Action"

Subject Index

Lobbying Activities Regulations - Lobbying Personnel - Regulation of Lobbying Activities

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#### EXAMPLES OF REPORTABLE INFORMATION AND FORMAT FOR FORM AC-1503, "REPORT OF ACTIVITY TO INFLUENCE LEGISLATIVE OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION"

For your assistance in preparing these reports, attached as exhibits are the following:

- 1. Descriptions of examples of which activities are reportable and what information should be reported.
- 2. Examples of "completed" schedules described in Exhibit 1.
- 3. Form AC-1503, a schedule on which all expenditures and activities should be reported.

## ATTACHMENT A

# EXHIBIT #1

## Example #1

An employee (Bob Smith) of Department X travels to Sacramento for the purpose of appearing before a committee of the State Legislature as a technical expert on a measure supported by the City. Because the Committee meets early in the morning, he travels to Sacramento the prior evening. The following facts must be reported to the Auditor and Comptroller: (See Example 1 - Exhibit 2).

- 1. Itemize the reimbursable expenses such as transportation, meals, lodging, and related business expenses together with the names and addresses of the payee and beneficiary of each expense.
- 2. With respect to testimony or other presentations prepared, detail the salary for the time spent preparing the text thereof, <u>including</u> the time of support staff spent thereon.
- 3. Identify the nature of the appearance, the nature of the legislative or administrative action attempted to be influenced, the state agency or legislative body before whom the appearance was made, and the salary for the actual time spent and the amount of time spent testifying or making a similar presentation.

# Example #2

The General Manager (Irv Cooper) of Department Y calls and corresponds with Assemblyman Paul in an attempt to influence the drafting of a bill of importance to his department. A trip to Sacramento is necessary in order to make a presentation to the staff of Assemblyman Paul. Whether or not the Legislature is in session, these meetings involve conferences with legislative staff who may eventually draft the proposed legislation.

# ALL EXPENSES AND TIME AS DETAILED - IN NUMBERS 1, 2, AND 3 ABOVE (IN EXAMPLE 1) APPLY IN THIS SITUATION AND MUST BE REPORTED (SEE EXAMPLE 2 - EXHIBIT 2).

### Example #3

An employee (Jack Broady) of Department A makes phone calls to a State Administrative Agency (the Public Utilities Commission) in an attempt to influence a change in a regulation that would be beneficial to the City. (See Example #3 - Exhibit #2). The following details must be reported to the Auditor and Comptroller:

- 1. Identify the state official and the agency or legislative body he is associated with.
- 2. Describe the specific issues discussed.
- 3. Record the time involved and the cost of the phone call.

# ATTACHMENT A

# EXHIBIT #1 – CONTINUED

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