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Thanks for Your Service

- ◆ **Local government depends on the service of community-minded people**





Disqualification of City Lobbyists

- ◇ A person who is
 - **registered as a lobbyist**
 - **required to register as a lobbyist, or**
 - **an employee of a person required to register**under the City's lobbying ordinance
- ◇ may not serve on a City board within three years of engaging in lobbying activity.





Lobby Regulation at the City of Austin (City Code Ch. 4-8)

- ◇ By ordinance the City requires
 - registration
 - payment of a \$300 annual fee and
 - disclosure filing
 - ◇ by some individuals and entities that
 - are compensated
 - are reimbursed or
 - make expenditures
- in connection with direct advocacy
- ◇ to certain City officials or employees
 - ◇ on municipal issues.





Not every bit of paid advocacy requires registration

- ◇ Whether registration is required depends
 - on the nature of the communication,
 - to whom the communication is directed, and
 - the nature and amount of the compensation, reimbursement, or expenditure made in connection with the communication.
- ◇ There are also a number of free-standing exceptions.



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Ethics and Public Service

◆ Values

◆ Ethics

◆ Rules



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Ethics and Group Dynamics

- ◇ **Work from interests, not positions**
- ◇ **Always be truthful**
- ◇ **Empathize**
- ◇ **Ask questions**
- ◇ **Don't assume**
- ◇ **Don't take disagreement as an attack**
- ◇ **Don't subordinate your own judgment to that of the group**
- ◇ **Do your best**



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