



**SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ITEM  
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

Control: 26001420

**MEETING DATE:** 06/09/2026  
**LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION:** Board of Supervisors  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S):** Board of Supervisors  
**SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** Chair Chaffee and Supervisor Sarmiento  
**DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON(S):** Al Jabbar, 714-834-2562  
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**SUBJECT:** Lobbyist Activity Report Requirements and Expand Lobbyist Activities Definition

CEO CONCUR	COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW	CLERK OF THE BOARD
N/A	Approve ordinance to form	DISCUSSION 3 Votes Board Majority

**RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

1. Read the title of the Ordinance
2. Order that further reading of the Ordinance be waived.
3. Consider the matter.
4. Direct that the Ordinance be placed on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled Board meeting for adoption.
5. At the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, consider the matter and adopt the Ordinance.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Currently, although the County of Orange requires lobbyists to annually identify each person or entity that has contracted for their services, the Codified Ordinances do not mandate registered lobbyists to publicly disclose their activities intended to influence County decision-makers.

Other jurisdictions, such as the counties of Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco, require registered lobbyists to submit quarterly disclosure reports. Orange County lacks this requirement.

The absence of lobbyist disclosure requirements in Orange County raises significant transparency concerns. Unlike other jurisdictions that provide public records of lobbying activities, Orange County does not offer this access.

This proposed ordinance would establish quarterly lobbying activity reporting requirements, similar to those enforced by neighboring jurisdictions. Its components are based on requirements from other jurisdictions, with particular emphasis on the City of Irvine's quarterly reporting structure.

The Office of Ethics and Campaign Finance would administer the activity disclosure reports. Its Executive Director would develop the reporting template using the components outlined in the ordinance.

Additionally, this ordinance would expand the definition of "lobbying activities." Currently, the definition is limited to lobbying of the Board of Supervisors, their staff, and decisions made by the Board.

The current definition does not include efforts to influence other County decision-makers, such as County appointees with voting power on other legislative bodies, and County department heads. Expanding the definition, as proposed, aims to provide a more comprehensive view of attempts to influence decisions and outcomes in Orange County.

This definition of "lobbying activities" was largely inspired by the City of Anaheim's definition.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A - Lobbyist Activity Reporting Ordinance

Attachment B - Lobbyist Activity Reporting Ordinance Redline