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Honorable Board of Supervisors:

As a former member of the Orange County Planning Commission, I was exposed to the behind-the-scenes efforts by County Lobbyists to achieve favorable decisions for their paying clients. You never saw these Lobbyists in public because all of their "influencing" efforts were conducted behind closed doors with private meetings with individual Supervisors and Planning Commissioners, or in attendance at the Supervisor's campaign fundraisers.

The Lobbyist ordinance initially adopted in July of 2011 was pitifully insufficient because it continued to allow County Lobbyists to act outside of the public view and knowledge. For that reason I publicly opposed it. That was 15 years ago at a time when County Lobbyists had way too much influence over the Board of Supervisors. (Amplified by their ability to raise campaign funds from their clients.)

The new disclosure requirements proposed today are long overdue. While I am sure the County Lobbyists will be putting lots of pressure on each of you to deny these changes, it is more important to bring lobbying influence into the open where the public for the first time can be informed of the Lobbyists' attempts to influence your decisions.

I support the proposed changes and encourage the Board to finally deal with the hidden Lobbyist activities by approving the recommended changes.

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