

Item #9 - Disclosure Report



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RE: Disclosure and Engagement Report for the May 3, 2021, PEC Meeting

This memorandum provides a summary of major accomplishments in the Public Ethics Commission's (PEC or Commission) Disclosure and Engagement program activities since the last monthly meeting. Commission staff disclosure activities focus on improving online tools for public access to local campaign finance and other disclosure data, enhancing compliance with disclosure rules, and conducting data analysis for PEC projects and programs as needed. Engagement activities include training and resources provided to the regulated community, as well as general outreach to Oakland residents to raise awareness of the Commission's role and services and to provide opportunities for dialogue between the Commission and community members.

Filing Officer - Compliance

Lobbyist Registration and Reporting Program – The Oakland Lobbyist Registration Act (LRA) requires any person that qualifies as a lobbyist to register annually with the Public Ethics Commission and submit quarterly reports disclosing their lobbying activities. April 30, 2021, marks the deadline for first quarter lobbyist activity reports. Lobbyist activity reports may be viewed online at the PEC's [Lobbyist Dashboard and Data](#) webpage.

Advice and Engagement

Advice and Technical Assistance – In April, Commission staff responded to 11 requests for information, advice or assistance regarding campaign finance, ethics, lobbyist registration or public records issues.

Form 700 Filers – April 1 was the deadline for City officials and designated employees within the City's Conflict of Interest Code to file their annual statement of economic interests (Form 700). Staff conducted an initial compliance check of elected officials to confirm that their Form 700 had been filed. Nine out of 11 officials filed their statements on time. Staff contacted the two officials that did not file statements by the deadline and both responded immediately to staff's outreach.

New Employee Orientation – Staff continues to make presentations at the City's monthly New Employee Orientation (NEO) providing new employees with an introduction to the PEC and overview of the Government Ethics Act (GEA). On April 21, staff trained 20 new employees on GEA provisions.

Social Media – Each month Commission staff post social media content to highlight specific PEC policy areas, activities or client-groups. In April, our posts focused on Commissioner recruitment.