

Exemptions

to the City of Sacramento's

Lobbyist Registration and Reporting Code

If the only lobbying you do is included on this exemption list then you have no filing requirement.

1. Any **public official** acting in his or her official capacity or acting within the scope of his or her employment or appointment;
2. **The media**, when limiting its action to the ordinary course of news gathering or editorial activity, as carried out by members of the press. "Media" shall mean newspapers or any other regularly published periodical, radio or television station or network or information published on the Internet. This exemption shall also apply to neighborhood newsletters, flyers or gazettes;
3. Persons **reimbursed for only their reasonable travel**, meals or incidental expenses, including but not limited to, uncompensated members or directors of non-profit organizations such as chambers of commerce;
4. Persons whose communications regarding any legislative or administrative action are limited to **appearing or submitting testimony** at any public meeting held by the City or any of its agencies, offices, or departments, as long as the communications thereto are public records available for public review. Notwithstanding the foregoing, persons who otherwise qualify as lobbyists must register and disclose their lobbying activities directed toward City officials in the same manner and to the same extent such registration and disclosure is required of all other lobbyists;
5. Persons **submitting bids or responding to requests for proposals**, provided the provision of such information is limited to direct conversation or correspondence with the official or department specifically designated to receive such information;
6. Persons providing **oral or written information** pursuant to a subpoena or otherwise compelled by law or regulation, or in response to an official request provided that the request and response thereto are public records available for public review;
7. Persons whose communications relate to:
 - a. The establishment, amendment, administration, implementation or interpretation of a **collective bargaining agreement** or a memorandum of understanding between the City and a recognized employee association.
 - b. Management decisions as to the working **conditions of represented employees** that clearly relate to the terms of a collective bargaining agreement or memorandum of understanding between the City and a recognized employee association.
 - c. Proceedings before the City of Sacramento **Civil Service Board**.