

1 [Campaign Consultants Lobbying Current And Former Clients.]

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3 **Ordinance amending Article II, Chapter 1, Section 2.100, adding section 2.117 to Article**  
4 **II, Chapter 1, and adding section 1.545 to Article I, Chapter 5 of the Campaign and**  
5 **Governmental Conduct Code to prohibit campaign consultants and employees of**  
6 **campaign consultants from lobbying current and former clients.**

7 Note: Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman;  
8 deletions are ~~strikethrough italics Times New Roman~~.  
9 Board amendment additions are double underlined.  
Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

10 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

11 Section 1. The San Francisco Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code is hereby  
12 amended by amending Section 2.100, to read as follows:

13 **SEC. 2.100. FINDINGS.**

14 (a) The Board of Supervisors finds that public disclosure of the identity and extent of  
15 efforts of lobbyists to influence decision-making regarding local legislative and administrative  
16 matters is essential to protect public confidence in the responsiveness and representative  
17 nature of government officials and institutions. It is the purpose and intent of the Board of  
18 Supervisors to impose on lobbyists reasonable registration and disclosure requirements to  
19 reveal information about lobbyists' efforts to influence decision-making regarding local  
20 legislative administrative matters.

21 (b) Corruption and the appearance of corruption in the form of campaign consultants  
22 exploiting their influence with City officials on behalf of private interests may erode public confidence  
23 in the fairness and impartiality of City governmental decisions. The City and County of San Francisco  
24 has a paramount interest in preventing corruption or the appearance of corruption which could result  
25 in such erosion of public confidence. Prohibitions on campaign consultants lobbying current and

1 former clients will protect public confidence in the electoral and governmental processes. It is the  
2 purpose and intent of the people of the City and County of San Francisco in enacting this Chapter to  
3 prohibit campaign consultants from exploiting or appearing to exploit their influence with City officials  
4 on behalf of private interests.

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6 Section 2. The San Francisco Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code is hereby  
7 amended by adding Section 2.117, to read as follows:

8 **SEC. 2.117. LOBBYING BY CAMPAIGN CONSULTANTS.**

9 (a) Prohibition. No campaign consultant or employee of a campaign consultant shall,  
10 for the purpose of influencing local legislative or administrative action in exchange for economic  
11 consideration, communicate with any officer of the City and County who is a current or former client.

12 (b) Exceptions. This prohibition shall not apply to:

13 (1) an employee of a campaign consultant whose sole duties are clerical; or

14 (2) an employee of a campaign consultant who (A) did not personally provide campaign  
15 consulting services to the officer of the City and County with whom the employee seeks to communicate  
16 in order to influence local legislative or administrative action and (B) does not have an ownership  
17 interest in an entity that qualifies as a campaign consultant.

18 (c) Definitions. Whenever the following words or phrases are used in this section, they  
19 shall mean:

20 (1) "Campaign Consultant" shall have the same meaning as in Article I, Chapter 5,  
21 section 1.505 of this Code.

22 (2) "Campaign consulting services" shall have the same meaning as in Article I,  
23 Chapter 5, section 1.505 of this Code.

1                   (3) "Current client" shall mean a person for whom the campaign consultant has filed a  
2 client authorization statement pursuant to Article I, Chapter 5, section 1.515(d) of this Code and not  
3 filed a client termination statement pursuant to Article I, Chapter 5, section 1.515(f) of this Code.

4                   (4) "Former client" shall mean a person for whom the campaign consultant has filed a  
5 client termination statement pursuant to Article I, Chapter 5, section 1.515(f) of this Code within the 12  
6 months prior to communicating with the person.

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8                   Section 3. The San Francisco Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code is hereby  
9 amended by adding Section 1.545, to read as follows:

10                   **SEC. 1.545. CONSTRUCTION WITH OTHER LAWS.**

11                   Lobbying by campaign consultants and employees of campaign consultants is governed by the  
12 applicable provisions of Article II, Chapter 1 of this Code, including section 2.117, which prohibits  
13 campaign consultants and employees of campaign consultants from communicating with current and  
14 former clients on behalf of another person or entity for the purpose of influencing local legislative or  
15 administrative action in exchange for economic consideration.

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