



**LAW DEPARTMENT**

Date: April 1, 2025

**City Attorney's Quarterly Report on Enforcement  
of Lobbying Regulations  
to the Council Audit and Finance Committee**

Pursuant to § 4-8-12 of the Austin City Code, the City Attorney submits this report to the Audit and Finance Committee related to compliance and enforcement of Chapter 4-8 (Regulation of Lobbyists) of the City Code. Written reports are made quarterly with an oral report made before the committee annually. The last quarterly report was made in October 2024. The most recent annual report was made during the December 2024 Audit and Finance Committee meeting. This report will cover Q1 2025.

<b>ENFORCEMENT - REGULATION OF LOBBYISTS JANUARY 2025 – MARCH 2025</b>	
Referrals from city clerk, auditor, or other departments	2
Citizen complaints	0
Investigations opened by the City Attorney	0
Cases settled	N/A
Subpoenas for documents	N/A
Witnesses subpoenaed	N/A
Cases tried	N/A
Cases in which a fine was imposed	N/A
Cases in which a fine was not imposed	N/A
Amount of fines assessed and collected	N/A
Law Department staff hours devoted for enforcement	~4 hours

On October 31, 2024, the City Clerk's office sent notice of lobbyist violation to Ethics Review Commission (ERC) Chair Michael Lovins, Interim City Attorney Deborah Thomas, and lobbyist Jo Cassandra Cuevas. The notice alleged Cuevas' failure to file the July 2024 quarterly activity report as required by City Code § 4-8-6 (Activity Reports). The City Clerk's office

provided an updated notice to the ERC on January 22, 2025, for Cuevas' failure to file her October Quarterly Activity Report (Q3-2024) due on October 10, 2024.

In addition, on January 22, 2025, the City Clerk's office sent a notice of lobbyist violation to ERC Chair Michael Lovins, Interim City Attorney Deborah Thomas, and lobbyist Carrie Smith. The notice alleged Smith's failure to file the October 2024 Quarterly Activity Report as required by City Code § 4-8-6 (Activity Reports) due on October 10, 2024.

The ERC may act on the above matters through its complaint process and refer it to the Law Department for prosecution. The Law Department will provide further updates as this matter progresses.