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City Council Staff Report

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Agenda Item No. 5

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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TITLE: Ordinance No. 2020-3: Lobbyist Registration, Reporting and Disclosure Requirements

ABSTRACT:

On April 9, 2019, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2019-33 forming an Ad Hoc Committee on Election Reform ("Committee") to determine whether the provisions of the Newport Beach Municipal Code ("NBMC") should be modified or updated. After several Committee meetings and two public meetings, Mayor O'Neill, Mayor Pro Tem Avery and Council Member Brenner are recommending that the City Council adopt an ordinance establishing lobbyist registration, reporting and disclosure requirements.

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
- b) Conduct second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2020-3, *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, Amending Section 1.12.020, Subsection J, and Adding Chapter 1.28 to Title 1 of the Newport Beach Municipal Code to Increase Transparency in Government Operations and Establish Lobbyist Registration, Reporting and Disclosure Requirements.*

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:

There is no fiscal impact related to this item.

DISCUSSION:

On January 28, 2020, the City Council introduced and passed to second reading Ordinance No. 2020-3, amending Section 1.12.020, Subsection J, and adding Chapter 1.28 to Title 1 of the NBMC to increase transparency in government operations and establish lobbyist registration, reporting and disclosure requirements. Mayor O'Neill, Mayor Pro Tem Avery and Council Member Brenner are recommending that the City Council conduct a second reading and adopt the ordinance.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Staff recommends the City Council find this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

NOTICING:

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

ATTACHMENT:

Attachment A – Ordinance No. 2020-3