

Comment on Commission meeting agenda item - Peter Bloch Garcia

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Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment on potential PDC changes to existing grassroots lobbying reporting requirements. As a small non-profit engaged in grassroots lobbying, The Mockingbird Society remains opposed to onerous reporting requirements that would place undue burdens on non-profits who do grassroots lobbying work. In a joint letter with 107 other nonprofits dated November 23, 2021, we submitted public comment on Sections 17 and 1 of the PDC's Request Legislation. This letter outlined the undue burdens such changes would place on community-based, BIPOC-led organizations, including severely limiting non-profits' ability to engage in grassroots advocacy efforts, reducing the ability of non-profits work in coalitions in advocacy work, and leading to possible safety concerns for individuals who engage in grassroots lobbying efforts. These are just a few of the concerns that we share with many other community members regarding potential changes to grassroots lobbying reporting requirements. Additionally, The Mockingbird Society estimates needing to add a staff position during the legislative session, if not throughout the year, to manage and comply with the grassroots lobbying reporting requirements which were proposed in the 2022 legislative session. We urge the PDC not to propose these legislative changes, or any similar legislative changes.

Sincerely,

Peter Bloch Garcia
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The Mockingbird Society