



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
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Item Number: 3.1

MEETING DATE: 11/12/2024

DEPARTMENT: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Rebekah Mojica

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Francisco Diaz

SUBJECT:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(To Be Heard at 1:30 p.m. or soon thereafter as the matter may be heard)

Adopt a proposed Lobbying ordinance entitled "An Ordinance of the San Benito County Board of Supervisors Adding Article XI "Lobbying" to Chapter 3.01 of the San Benito County Code," effective February 3, 2025. Provide further feedback and instruction to staff, if desired.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 156

ORDINANCE NO.:1070

AGENDA SECTION:

PUBLIC HEARING

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

On July 9, 2024, the Board of Supervisors requested an agenda item for a future discussion regarding the potential introduction of a lobbying ordinance.

County Counsel's office, in collaboration with the County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters, drafted a proposed lobbying ordinance for the Board's review and discussion.

At the October 8, 2024 regular meeting, the proposed ordinance was presented to the Board of Supervisors for discussion and direction, and has been updated accordingly.

At the October 22, 2024 regular meeting, County Counsel and the County Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters presented the proposed ordinance amendments. At that meeting, the Board accepted and waived

first reading of the Ordinance No. 1070 and continued to November 12, 2024 for adoption. (5/0 vote). It is now brought back for adoption.

This ordinance aims to establish clear guidelines for lobbyists engaging with County officials, requiring mandatory registration, reporting, and ethical conduct standards. By implementing these measures, the County seeks to ensure that all interactions between lobbyists and government officials are conducted transparently and in the best interests of the community.

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

Yes

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

RFP AND BID HISTORY:

N/A

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

N/A

CONTRACT HISTORY (Describe all amendments and previous contracts):

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community

No

BUDGETED:

N/A

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:

N/A

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund

UNFUNDED MANDATE:

No

SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:

N/A

CURRENT FY COST:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Ordinance 1070, entitled "An Ordinance of the San Benito County Board of Supervisors Adding Chapter 3.01, Article XI: Lobbying to the San Benito County Code."

ATTACHMENTS:

[Lobbying Ordinance for Adoption](#)

[Lobbying Notice of Publication](#)

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