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**MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL ANNOUNCES ETHICS REFORMS THAT WILL CREATE UNPRECEDENTED  
TRANSPARENCY ACROSS CITY GOVERNMENT**

*Reforms will create the most comprehensive lobbyist disclosure database in nation*

Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced he will introduce an ethics ordinance Wednesday to foster unprecedented transparency across City government, by creating the most comprehensive lobbyist disclosure database in the nation.

"I promised during the campaign to reform city government and change the way we do business at City Hall," said Mayor Emanuel. "Tomorrow I will introduce an ethics ordinance creating the most comprehensive lobbyist disclosure database in the nation – to rein in the influence of lobbyists and ensure everyone in City government is working for Chicago's taxpayers."

On his first day in office, Mayor Emanuel signed six ethics Executive Orders aimed at increasing transparency and accountability across the City. This ethics ordinance, which will be introduced to the City Council during its Wednesday, July 6 meeting, will further increase transparency through real-time lobbying disclosure. It will additionally strengthen limits on lobbying activities through:

- **Searchable Online Registration and Reporting:** Creation of a searchable online system for registration and reporting that allows disclosures to be posted in real-time.
- **Gifts:** Adding the term "lobbyist" to those potential gift-givers who are limited to \$50 per single, non-cash gift, and \$100 in cumulative gifts per calendar year.
- **Loans:** Adding lobbyists to the list of persons that City employees, officials or their businesses are prohibited from applying for or receiving loans from.
- **Campaign Contributions:** Amending semi-annual activity report form to require lobbyists to disclose all campaign contributions to City elected officials and City employees running for office.
- **Revolving Door:** Codifying the post-employment revolving door provisions in Mayor Emanuel's May 16 Executive Order, which bars employees from lobbying the City after leaving City employment.

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