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Cc: Baechler, Joni; Saunders, Cathy; Shawn Adamsson
Subject: Appointment of an Integrity Commissioner and Establishment of a Lobbyist Registry

Councillor Bryant,

I am emailing you today (Sept 4th 2012) to register with you my support of Councillor Baechler's proposal for the appointment of an Integrity Commissioner and establishment of a Lobbyist Registry for the City of London.

I firmly believe that in order for citizens to be able to make informed decisions as to elected representation, a maximum amount of pertinent information needs to be made available for public inspection and consideration.

I understand that the Municipal Act of 2001 makes provisions for the appointment of an Integrity Commissioner and Lobbyist Registry.

Reportedly funds have been put aside by a previous council to allow for the appointment and establishment of such.

It appears that the provisions as expressed in the Municipal Act exist to help minimize the possibility of untoward, unethical and corrupt practices that can occur in any municipal government in the absence of meaningful and accessible oversight.

Councillor Baechler's proposal, if sensibly implemented, would also serve as a clear reminder to aspirants for public office that citizens have a right to expect the highest standards of behaviour from elected officials and a responsibility to act between election periods should such standards not be consistently met.

Though the provisions afforded for under the act represent modest accountability measures of minimum standard and are no cure all for corruption or rank incompetence, I hope you will be able to commend Councillor Baechler for bringing the proposal forward.

I also hope you will be willing to provide all support necessary for achieving what I am confident are her reasonable and laudable aims.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and I request that this communication be included in Council's next agenda package.

Respectfully submitted,

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