

## **Ethics for appointing Lobbyist to Citizen Boards and Commissions: Prohibition**

**Suggest area for Charter location: New Section and Paragraph 707 G. and 707 G. 1.**

**707 G.** Prohibition against appointing registered lobbyists for Non-elected Committee, Board and Commission positions. This will not apply to any position restricted by a Florida Statute.

**Why the issue:** This avoids conflicts of interest and promotes 'Good Government' to Orange county citizens; Belief that Government is as impartial as possible is fundamental to our open representative democracy. Living up to the Abraham Lincoln words "**Government of the people, by the people, for the people**". While lobbyists testifying to Government provides an insight from their employer interest to those for Non-elected Committee, Board and Commissions, it is NOT clear to the public if a registered lobbyist sitting as a voting member whom they might be representing with their votes.

**707 G. 1. Prohibition of 2 years after a citizen serving on Non-elected Committee, Board and Commission positions becoming a paid Lobbyist.**

- This avoids the issue of the appearance of influencing decisions while serving the citizens.