



## Ethics Corral

### Putting an Ethics Corral around Our Elected Officials

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There is no need to expound here regarding the need for strengthening ethics requirements in the conducting of governmental business at every level of government. The media is replete with constant reminders of related problems.

But so often, as with the City of Houston's ethics ordinances, the onus is put on lobbyists, special interests, and those who do business with the government in question.

We believe that the onus should be put instead on the elected officials, where it belongs. They should be required to just say NO and be very transparent in everything they do, with the certainty of financial consequences for doing otherwise. And there should be a definitive reporting system to the public to make sure that all this occurs and occurs properly.

To that end, we have prepared the attached suggested ethics amendment to be placed on the City of Houston ballot. [CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT](#).

The attached suggested amendment has been vetted by an attorney knowledgeable in municipal and state law, as well as by lay people knowledgeable about the city petitioning process in Texas. Of course, this is not a legal representation and you should use the services of your own selected attorney, who will need to do their own research of the applicable city charter and state law.