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# Item 10

## Information

### *Quarterly Lobbying Report*

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**Executive Summary:** This item presents a summary of activities reported to the Ethics Commission by lobbying entities for the first quarter of 2015.

**Recommended Action:** This item is for informational purposes only.

**Presenter:** Mark Low, Lobbying Program Analyst

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# *Lobbying Report: 1st Quarter 2015*

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## **A. Introduction**

The Municipal Lobbying Ordinance (MLO) regulates persons who receive compensation to lobby City officials. Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) §§ 48.01, *et seq.* In LAMC § 48.01(B), the MLO makes several findings regarding lobbying activity, including the following:

1. Citizens have a right to know the identities of those who attempt to influence City decisions;
2. Public disclosure by lobbyists and their clients regarding their lobbying activities is essential to citizen confidence in the integrity of local government;
3. It is in the public interest to ensure that lobbyists do not misrepresent facts or their positions;
4. It is in the public interest to ensure that lobbyists do not place City officials under personal obligation to themselves or their clients.

To help ensure adequate and effective disclosure regarding efforts to lobby City government, lobbying entities are required to file quarterly disclosure reports. *See* LAMC §§ 48.01(B)(6), 48.08. This item summarizes information disclosed on the lobbying reports filed for the first quarter of 2015.

## **B. Legal Background**

### 1. Definitions

The MLO defines lobbying activity generally as compensated conduct related to communications with City officials that are designed to influence municipal matters. LAMC § 48.02. The lobbying entities that are regulated by the MLO include lobbyists, lobbying firms, and lobbyist employers.

A lobbyist is an individual who is compensated to spend 30 or more hours in a three-month period to engage in lobbying activities that include at least one direct communication with a City employee, including commissioners, that is designed to influence a City matter on behalf of another person. *Id.* A lobbying firm is an entity that is entitled to receive \$1,000 in compensation for engaging in lobbying activities on behalf of another person during a three-month period, if a partner, owner, shareholder, owner, or employee of the entity qualifies as a lobbyist. *Id.* A lobbying firm may be an individual lobbyist. Finally, a lobbyist employer is an entity that employs a lobbyist in-house to lobby on the entity's behalf. *Id.*

Certain persons are exempt from the lobbying regulations. These include individuals acting in an official government capacity, newspapers and other media outlets that publish editorials or paid advertising, persons whose only activity is bidding on a City contract, and 501(c)(3) organizations created to provide services to indigent persons and that organization's employees when acting in the scope of that employment. LAMC § 48.03.

## 2. Registration and Reporting

Lobbyists and lobbying firms are required to register with the Ethics Commission on an annual basis. LAMC §§ 48.07(A)-(B). Registration is required within 10 days after the end of the month in which the qualification threshold is met. LAMC § 48.07(A). The fees for each year's registration are \$450 per lobbyist plus \$75 for each client from whom the lobbyist is entitled to receive \$250 or more in a calendar quarter. LAMC § 48.07(C).

Every lobbying entity is required to file quarterly disclosure reports once it or, for lobbyist employers, one of its employees qualifies as a lobbying entity. LAMC § 48.08(A)(1). They must continue to submit quarterly reports until registration is terminated, either voluntarily or automatically by virtue of the end of the calendar year. The disclosure reports must contain specific information, including the following:

- a. Each City agency that a lobbyist attempted to influence. LAMC §§ 48.08(B)(12), 48.08(C)(14).
- b. Each municipal matter that a lobbyist employer attempted to influence. LAMC § 48.08(D)(6).
- c. Total payments from clients to lobbying firms. LAMC § 48.08(C)(4).
- d. Total payments to lobbyists by lobbying firms and lobbyist employers. LAMC §§ 48.08(C)(7)(a), 48.08(D)(3).
- e. The elected City officials, candidates, and committees for which a lobbyist engaged in fundraising activity, as well as the dates of the activity and the amount of money raised. LAMC §§ 48.08(B)(7), 48.08(C)(9), 48.08(D)(10).
- f. Services provided by a lobbyist to a City candidate or ballot measure campaign or to the City under contract, including the amount of compensation received for those services. LAMC §§ 48.08(B)(10)-(11), 48.08(C)(12)-(13).

## 3. Prohibited Activities

Lobbying entities are prohibited from engaging in certain types of activity. They may not attempt to deceive City officials. LAMC §§ 48.04(B), (D). They may not place City officials under personal obligation to them. LAMC § 48.04(A). They may not create a municipal matter for the purpose of being retained to lobby on that matter. LAMC § 48.04(C).

Lobbyists and lobbying firms are also limited in certain financial activities. They may engage in fundraising, but they may not make campaign contributions to elected City officials, candidates, or their committees if they are required to be registered to lobby the office the official or candidate holds or seeks. Los Angeles City Charter § 470(c)(11). And they may not make or act as an intermediary in the making of a gift to a City official. LAMC §§ 48.04(E), 49.5.10(A)(4)-(5).

### **C. First Quarter Compliance**

In the first quarter of 2015, there were 376 registered lobbyists and 112 registered lobbying firms, including 44 sole proprietorships. In addition, there were 74 lobbyist employers.

These 562 lobbying entities were required to file 518 disclosure reports for the first quarter (the 44 sole proprietor lobbyists were required to file a lobbying firm report but not a lobbyist report). A total of 515 reports (99 percent) were filed on time, and first-quarter late filing fees of \$300 have been collected.

### **D. Top 10 Highest Paid Lobbying Firms**

Lobbying firms are required to report the total amount of payments they receive each quarter from the clients they represent. A total of \$12,655,196 in payments from clients was reported by all lobbying firms for the first quarter of 2015.

The ten firms that reported the highest total payments from clients are identified in the table on the following pages. Each of the top ten firms reported receiving at least \$300,000 from clients in the first quarter. Together, the ten firms reported receiving a total of \$5,705,275, which represents 45 percent of all payments from clients reported by all lobbying firms for the first quarter of 2015.

**TOP 10 HIGHEST PAID LOBBYING FIRMS**

*Based on Payments Received From Clients in 2015 Q1*

<b>Rank &amp; Payments</b>	<b>Firm &amp; Clients</b>
1) \$981,923	<p><b>Englander Knabe and Allen</b></p> <p>300 South Robertson LLC Coca Cola Bottling USA            4G Wireless, Inc. Crews of California, Inc. OUE USA Services Corp.            Accela, Inc. Downtown Center Studios Pacific 9            American Golf Elections Systems &amp; Software Pulice Construction            Corporation LLC Residential Neighbors of            Applications Software Enterprise Rent-A-Car Archer            Technology Corp. - Company of Los Angeles Seaview Investors, LLC            AST Envista Corporation Standard Parking            Art of Living Foundation Gavin de Becker &amp; Associates, State Partners LLC on            USA Inc. behalf of EMC            AT&amp;T Enterprise Services Greater California Livery System Development            (AT &amp; T and its Association Integration LLC            affiliates) IMPEX Technologies, Inc. Tesoro Companies Inc.            Avaya Independent Taxi Company Total Transportation            BNSF Railway Company Jordan Downs Community Services, Inc. - TTSI            Boingo Wireless, Inc. Partners, LLC TRC Solutions, Inc.            Brosamer and Wall, Inc. LA Checker Cab Cooperative, Trumark Homes dba            California Independent Inc. Clifford Street LLC            Petroleum Association Motorola, Inc. United Taxi            - CIPA MWest Holdings Waste Management Inc.            California Retailers National Strategies, LLC on Westfield Concession            Association behalf of Renovate America Management, Inc.            CALTROP Nederlander-Greek, Inc. William Blair            City of Ontario Official Police Garage Assn of Xerox Business Services,            Clay Lacy Aviation LA LLC and its Affiliates</p>
2) \$789,024	<p><b>Liner LLP</b></p> <p>809 S. Flower LLC Harridge Development Group, MREC HD Blake Street            Atlas Capital Group, LLC LLC MREC HD Elysian Park,            Champion Real Estate Jia Yuan USA Co., Inc. LLC            Company Larchmont Village Partners MREC Tramonto, LLC            CRE-HAR SoCal Lot JV, One LLC Nationwide RP            LLC/So Cal North Lindy Trust and Margaret L. Corporation            Serrano SPV I, LLC Blume Trust Nordhoff Associates, LLC            Crossroads Associates Lowe Enterprises Inc. NP Robertson Property            LLC Millennium Partners Sannes, Michael            Tatsu Ramen LLC</p>

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### TOP 10 HIGHEST PAID LOBBYING FIRMS (cont'd)

*Based on Payments Received From Clients in 2015 Q1*

Rank & Payments	Firm & Clients
10) \$ 300,750	<p><b>Afriat Consulting Group Inc</b></p> <p>512 Perugia Way, LLC      Consolidated Disposal Service, P K Equities, Inc.                      5750 Hollywood Blvd.,      L.L.C.      Philena Properties, L.P.                      LLC      Franklin, Jeff      SM 10000 Property, LLC                      ACE of California      Friends of West Los Angeles      SPB Partners, LLC                      Browning-Ferris      iHeartMedia, Inc., Clear      Sportsmen's Lodge REW, LLC                      Industries of      Channel Outdoor, and      Sweetzer Square Investment                      California, Inc.      Affiliated Entities      Company                      Century City Realty, LLC      Maximus Inc      Westside Coalition, Inc.                      CH Acquisitions 2, LLC      Modern Vintage Partners, LLC      Westside Housing, LLC                      Clear Channel Airports      Norman Cienega Property                      Group, LLC</p>

#### E. Top 10 Highest Paying Clients

In the first quarter of 2015, there were 1,072 registered clients of lobbying entities. The clients who paid the most for lobbying services in the first quarter are identified in the following table, along with descriptions of the projects for which the payments were made.

Each of the top ten highest paying clients spent at least \$89,000 during the quarter. Combined, their payments totaled \$1,042,028 or 8.2 percent of the \$12,655,196 total reported payments from clients.

### TOP 10 HIGHEST PAYING CLIENTS

*Based on Payments Made in 2015 Q1*

Rank & Payments	Client	Project	Lobbying Firm	Agencies Lobbied
1) \$134,782	Lincoln Property Company (LPC) West, LLC	Project Development Assistance for Desmond Venture.	<i>Alpert Barr &amp; Grant, A Professional Law Corporation</i>	Building and Safety, DWP
2) \$123,235	Champion Real Estate Company	Highland Selma Venture-a two-building development mixed use project. [CPC 2011-2157-ZV-SPR]	<i>Liner LLP</i>	City Attorney, Controller, City Council, Building and Safety Planning, DOT

<b>TOP 10 HIGHEST PAYING CLIENTS (cont'd)</b> <i>Based on Payments Made in 2015 Q1</i>				
<b>Rank &amp; Payments</b>	<b>Client</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Lobbying Firm</b>	<b>Agencies Lobbied</b>
3) \$105,564	Millennium Partners	Geotechnical work related to Millennium Hollywood Project, a two-tower mixed-use development project.	<i>Liner LLP</i>	City Council, Building and Safety
4) \$103,441	Nationwide RP Corporation	Hollywood Pacific/6541 Hollywood Boulevard.	<i>Liner LLP</i>	City Council, Building and Safety, Planning,
5) \$102,510	Atlas Capital Group, LLC	Alameda Square/Los Angeles.	<i>Liner LLP</i>	City Council, Building and Safety, Planning
6) \$99,269	Seaview Investors, LLC	Building Conversion/5933 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles.	<i>Englander Knabe and Allen</i>	City Council
7) \$98,855	Kellal Israel Synagogue	Phase I Study	<i>Jeffer Mangels Butler &amp; Mitchell LLP</i>	City Attorney, Building and Safety
8) \$95,630	Live Nation	Greek Theater RFP/Los Angeles.	<i>Manatt Phelps &amp; Phillips LLP</i>	Mayor, City Attorney, City Council. Building and Safety, Planning, Rec and Parks
9) \$89,977	Live Nation, Inc.	Greek Theater RFP/2700 N Vermont Ave, Los Angeles.	<i>Latham &amp; Watkins LLP</i>	City Attorney, City Council, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Rec & Parks
10) \$89,565	Englander Knabe & Allen on behalf of Seaview Investors, LLC	Development/5933 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA.	<i>TChoi and Associates</i>	Building and Safety LAFD, Planning

## **F. Fundraisers**

Lobbying entities are required to disclose the fundraising they engage in for elected City officials, candidates, and committees. Of the 562 first-quarter lobbying entities, 27 (4.8 percent) reported fundraising activity, which totaled \$123,855. A breakdown of the first-quarter fundraising activity is provided in the following table. Lobbying entities that reported identical amounts for the same candidate or officeholder may have served as co-hosts for the same fundraising event.

**FUNDRAISERS 2015 Q1**

<b>Rank &amp; Total Raised</b>	<b>Name of Lobbying Entity</b>	<b>Type of Entity</b>	<b>Recipients</b>
1) \$13,950	Englander Knabe and Allen	Firm	Krekorian For City Council 2015..... \$2,850 Gloria Molina for City Council 2015..... \$2,800 Garcetti for Mayor 2017..... \$2,000 Wesson for City Council 2015..... \$1,900 Controller Ron Galperin Officeholder Account.... \$1,500 Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015 ..... \$1,000 Carolyn Ramsay for City Council 2015 – General..... \$700 Steve Veres for City Council 2015..... \$700 Councilmember Curren Price Officeholder Account..... \$500
2) \$10,500	Strategic Government Affairs	Firm*	Garcetti for Mayor 2017..... \$10,500
3) \$9,100	Aristos Strategy, LLC	Firm*	Garcetti for Mayor 2017..... \$9,100
4) \$8,000	Central City Association of Los Angeles	Employer	Krekorian For City Council 2015..... \$8,000
5) \$8,000	Rosenheim & Associates, Inc.	Firm	Bob Blumenfield for City Council 2013 – Officeholder Account..... \$4,500 Nury Martinez for City Council 2015..... \$3,500
6) \$7,848	Gaines & Stacey LLP	Firm	Nury Martinez for City Council 2015..... \$5,598 Bob Blumenfield for City Council 2013 – Officeholder Account..... \$2,250
7) \$7,000	Edgar Khalatian	Lobbyist	Huizar for LA City Council 2015 ..... \$7,000
8) \$7,000	Mayer Brown LLP	Firm	Huizar for LA City Council 2015 ..... \$7,000
9) \$5,400	Eric Rose	Lobbyist	Garcetti for Mayor 2017..... \$2,000 Carolyn Ramsay for City Council 2015- General ..... \$700 Gloria Molina for City Council 2015..... \$700 Controller Ron Galperin Officeholder Account..... \$500 Councilmember Curren Price Officeholder Account..... \$500 Krekorian For City Council 2015..... \$500 Wesson for City Council 2015..... \$500
10) \$5,000	Sage Strategies, LLC	Firm*	Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015 ..... \$5,000
11) \$4,900	Glaser, Weil, Fink, Howard, Avchen & Shapiro, LLP	Firm	Carolyn Ramsay for City Council 2015 – General..... \$4,900
12) \$4,557	Afriat Consulting Group Inc	Firm	Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015 ..... \$2,650 Councilmember Cedillo Officeholder Account 2013 ..... \$1,907
13) \$4,000	Courtney Chesla Torres	Firm*	Councilmember Curren Price Officeholder Account..... \$4,000

FUNDRAISERS 2015 Q1 (cont'd)			
Rank & Total Raised	Name of Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipients
15) \$3,500	Jeffrey McConnell	Lobbyist	<i>Gloria Molina for City Council 2015..... \$1,400</i> <i>Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015..... \$700</i> <i>Steve Veres for City Council 2015 ..... \$700</i> <i>Wesson for City Council 2015..... \$700</i>
16) \$2,750	Kindel Gagan	Firm	<i>Bob Blumenfield for City Council 2013 – Officeholder Account..... \$2,750</i>
17) \$2,500	Rudy Svorinich	Lobbyist	<i>Joe Buscaino for City Council 2011, General..... \$2,500</i>
18) \$2,400	Harvey A Englander	Lobbyist	<i>Controller Ron Galperin Officeholder Account ... \$1,000</i> <i>Krekorian For City Council 2015 ..... \$700</i> <i>Wesson for City Council 2015..... \$700</i>
19) \$2,350	Arnie Berghoff & Associates	Firm	<i>Krekorian for City Council 2009 Officeholder ..... \$2,350</i>
20) \$2,350	Arnie S. Berghoff	Lobbyist	<i>Krekorian for City Council 2009 Officeholder ..... \$2,350</i>
21) \$2,350	Wendy Bruget	Lobbyist	<i>Krekorian for City Council 2009 Officeholder ..... \$2,350</i>
22) \$2,350	Kathy Irish	Lobbyist	<i>Krekorian for City Council 2009 Officeholder ..... \$2,350</i>
23) \$2,100	Marcus Allen	Lobbyist	<i>Krekorian For City Council 2015 ..... \$1,400</i> <i>Gloria Molina for City Council 2015..... \$700</i>
24) \$1,400	The Santa Maria Group	Firm*t	<i>Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015 ..... \$1,400</i>
25) \$300	Alex Cherin	Lobbyist	<i>Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015..... \$300</i>
26) \$250	Celine Cordero	Lobbyist	<i>Krekorian For City Council 2015 ..... \$250</i>
27) \$ 0	High Point Strategies, LLC	Firm*	<i>Krekorian For City Council 2015 ..... \$0</i>

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## G. Contributions

Lobbying entities must also report on a quarterly basis the contributions they make or deliver or for which they act as intermediaries. A lobbying entity delivers a contribution for another person when the lobbying entity causes the contribution to be mailed or physically conveyed to the recipient.

A lobbying entity is an intermediary for a contribution when the lobbying entity makes the contribution, itself, on behalf of another party who then reimburses the lobbying entity. The identity of a person for whom a lobbying entity acts as an intermediary must be disclosed.

The making of certain contributions is prohibited. Los Angeles City Charter Section 470(c)11 bans lobbyists and lobbying firms from making contributions to elected City officials, candidates, or their committees if they are required to be registered to lobby the office the official or candidate holds or seeks. This ban does not extend to lobbyist employers. Also, any lobbying entity may contribute to Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education (LAUSD) candidates and officeholders.

As indicated in the following table, two lobbyist employers, one lobbying firm, and one lobbyist disclosed making \$5,600 in contributions to City and LAUSD candidates and officeholders during the first quarter of 2015.

MADE CONTRIBUTIONS 2015 Q1			
Total Made	Name of Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipients
\$2,800	Apartment Association of Greater L.A.	Employer	<i>Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015.....\$700</i> <i>Krekorian For City Council 2015.....\$700</i> <i>Mitchell Englander for City Council 2015.....\$700</i> <i>Tara Bannister for LA City Council 2015 .....\$700</i>
\$1,600	Kindel Gagan	Firm	<i>Re-Elect Dr. Richard Vladovic for School Board 2015.....\$1,100</i> <i>Re-Elect Bennett Kayser for School Board 2015 .....\$500</i>
\$700	SEIU United Long Term Care Workers Local 6434	Employer	<i>Nury Martinez for City Council 2015.....\$700</i>
\$500	Maureen Kindel	Lobbyist	<i>Tamar Galatzan for School Board 2015 .....\$500</i>

Also in the first quarter, 13 lobbying entities (six lobbyists, five lobbying firms, and two lobbyist employers) reported delivering a combined \$56,050 in contributions. The delivered contributions are identified in the next table.

DELIVERED CONTRIBUTIONS 2015 Q1			
Total Delivered	Name of Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipients
\$14,400	Urban Solutions, LLC	Firm*	<i>Councilmember O'Farrell Officeholder 2013.....\$4,500</i> <i>Councilmember Cedillo Officeholder Account 2013.....\$3,500</i> <i>Wesson for City Council 2015 .....\$3,300</i> <i>Huizar for LA City Council 2015.....\$1,900</i> <i>Nury Martinez for City Council 2015.....\$700</i> <i>Councilmember Curren Price Officeholder Account .....\$500</i>
\$11,900	Kindel Gagan	Firm	<i>Krekorian For City Council 2015.....\$4,000</i> <i>Garcetti for Mayor 2017.....\$2,800</i> <i>Bob Blumenfield for City Council 2013 – Officeholder Account .....\$2,750</i> <i>Nury Martinez for City Council 2015.....\$1,650</i> <i>Pelico for City Council 2015.....\$700</i>

DELIVERED CONTRIBUTIONS 2015 Q1 (cont'd)			
Total Delivered	Name of Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipients
\$8,100	Englander Knabe & Allen	Firm	Krekorian For City Council 2015..... \$4,000 Wesson for City Council 2015 ..... \$1,400 Controller Ron Galperin Officeholder Account..... \$1,000 Garcetti for Mayor 2017..... \$1,000 Carolyn Ramsay for City Council 2015 – General..... \$700
\$6,050	Afriat Consulting Group	Firm	Councilmember Cedillo Officeholder Account 2013..... \$1,500 Huizar for LA City Council 2015..... \$1,400 Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015..... \$950 Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015..... \$700 Bob Blumenfield for City Council 2013 – Officeholder Account ..... \$500 Huizar Officeholder Account..... \$500 Joe Buscaino for City Council 2011 Officeholder ..... \$500
\$2,600	Building Owners & Managers Assn	Employer	Huizar Officeholder Account..... \$700 Nury Martinez for City Council 2013 Officeholder Account ..... \$700 Wesson for City Council 2015 ..... \$700 Krekorian For City Council 2015..... \$500
\$2,400	Harvey A Englander	Lobbyist	Controller Ron Galperin Officeholder Account ..... \$1,000 Krekorian For City Council 2015..... \$700 Wesson for City Council 2015 ..... \$700
\$2,400	Eric Rose	Lobbyist	Garcetti for Mayor 2017..... \$1,000 Carolyn Ramsay for City Council 2015 – General..... \$700 Gloria Molina for City Council 2015 ..... \$700
\$2,100	Ken Spiker and Associates Inc	Firm	Krekorian For City Council 2015..... \$1,400 Nury Martinez for City Council 2015..... \$700
\$2,100	Gregory Spiker	Lobbyist	Krekorian For City Council 2015..... \$1,400 Nury Martinez for City Council 2015..... \$700
\$1,600	Jeffrey McConnell	Lobbyist	Gloria Molina for City Council 2015 ..... \$700 Wesson for City Council 2015 ..... \$700 Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015..... \$200
\$1,400	Marcus Allen	Lobbyist	Gloria Molina for City Council 2015 ..... \$700 Krekorian For City Council 2015..... \$700
\$700	California Apartment Association Los Angeles	Employer	Tara Bannister for LA City Council 2015 ..... \$700
\$300	Alex Cherin	Lobbyist	Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015..... \$300

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## **H. Public Access**

Detailed information about lobbying entities and their clients is available on the lobbying page of the Ethics Commission's web site, at [ethics.lacity.org/lobby/lobby.cfm](http://ethics.lacity.org/lobby/lobby.cfm). Our electronic filing system is instantly updated when a registration occurs or a quarterly report is filed. Registration statements and quarterly reports may be viewed online, and the public can also conduct queries to retrieve specific information about lobbying entities and their activities.

This and other quarterly summaries are available on the Ethics Commission's lobbying page. The most recent quarterly summary is also available on the home page.