
Item 12
Information

Quarterly Lobbying Report

Executive Summary: This item presents a summary of activities reported to the Ethics Commission by lobbying entities for the fourth quarter of 2016.

Recommended Action: This item is for informational purposes only.

Presenter: Mark Low, Lobbying Program Manager

Lobbying Report: 4th Quarter 2016

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 fourth quarter of 2016.

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), 49.5.8(A)-(C).

C. Fourth Quarter Compliance

In the fourth quarter of 2016, there were 426 registered lobbyists and 133 registered lobbying firms, including 49 sole proprietorships. In addition, there were 77 lobbyist employers.

These 636 lobbying entities were required to file 587 disclosure reports for the fourth quarter (the 49 sole proprietor lobbyists were required to file a lobbying firm report but not a lobbyist report). A total of 572 reports (97.6 percent) were filed on time. Penalties totaling \$750 were paid in connection with reports filed past the January 31 deadline. The tables in this report detail and summarize the information that was disclosed through all reports filed for the quarter.

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 \$17,076,190 in payments from clients was reported by all lobbying firms for the fourth quarter of 2016.

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 \$395,000 from clients in the fourth quarter. Together, the ten firms reported receiving a total of \$8,689,290 which represents 50.9 percent of all payments from clients reported by all lobbying firms for the fourth quarter of 2016.

TOP 10 HIGHEST PAID LOBBYING FIRMS

Based on Client Payments Reported as Received In 2016 Q4

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1. \$2,179,521	<p>Liner LLP</p> <p>809 S. Flower LLC Arc Capital Partners LLC Atlas Capital Group, LLC Bancroft Capital Barlow Respiratory Hospital Bastion Development Corporation Beshty, Walead Champion Real Estate Company CityView CRE-HAR SoCal Lot JV, LLC/So Cal North Serrano SPV I, LLC CRE-HAR SoCal Office JV, LLC Crossroads Associates LLC CTK Ventures CV 1800 Beverly, LLC Deep Green Housing & Community Development Estate Four EYP Realty Forest City Residential West, Inc. Gilmore Associates</p> <p>Greenland LA Metropolis Development II LLC Harridge Development Group, LLC Hollywood International Regional Center Jade Enterprises, LLC Jamison Properties, LP Jia Yuan USA Co., Inc. Ladder Capital Finance Larchmont Village Partners One LLC LaTerra Development, LLC Laurus Corporation Leap of Faith Partners Lennar Lindy Trust and Margaret L. Blume Trust Local Construct Los Angeles Streetcar, Inc. Lowe Enterprises Inc. Maguire Properties - 755 S. Figueroa, LLC Maple Multi-Family Land CA, L.P Metspresso LLC Millennium Partners MREC HD Blake Street MREC HD Elysian Park, LLC MREC Tramonto, LLC National Electrical Contractors Association</p> <p>Nationwide RP Corporation Nike, Inc. Nordhoff Associates, LLC NP Robertson Property Oxford Capital Group Prime/CRDF Mission Hills, LLC Realm Group LLC Ryda Ventures LLC Sannes, Michael Sasu, LLC Shappell Liberty Investment Properties, LLC Simone 2015 LP Skid Row Housing Trust So Cal North Serrano SPV I, LLC Southern California Ambulance Sullivan Equity Partners LLC Tatsu Ramen LLC Trammell Crow Residential Vintage Westwood LLC Westland Partners, Inc Whitsett Avenue Partners, LLC WP West Development Enterprises</p>

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E. Top 10 Highest Paying Clients

In the fourth quarter of 2016, there were 1,744 registered clients of lobbying entities. Lobbying firms are required to disclose the payments they receive from their clients and the projects associated with those payments. The clients that lobbying firms reported as having paid the most for lobbying services in the fourth quarter of 2016 are identified in the table on the following pages. Payments from clients with similar names and projects are aggregated as noted in the table.

Each of the top ten highest paying clients spent at least \$131,000 during the quarter. Combined, their payments totaled \$2,315,376 or 13.6 percent of the \$17,076,190 total reported payments from clients.

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		Lobbying Firm	Payment	Project	
1. Atlas Capital Group, LLC	\$862,580	Liner LLP	\$398,546	Alameda Square	Mayor, City Council; Building and Safety; LAFD, Planning, LAPD, Engineering, LADOT, LADWP
			\$171,448	Chinatown/120-129 W. College St.	City Council, Building and Safety, LAFD, Planning, Engineering
			\$109,045	Woodland Hills	Building and Safety, Planning, LADOT, LADWP
			\$92,898	712 S. Olive	Building and Safety, LAFD, Planning, LADWP
			\$74,514	220 Center St.	City Council, Building and Safety, LAFD, Planning, LADWP
			\$16,130	410 W. 7 th St.	Planning, LADWP
2. PH LA Mart LLC	\$199,436	Mayer Brown LLP	\$199,436	Assist client with City entitlements.	City Council, Building and Safety, Planning, Board of Public Works, Contract Administration, Engineering, Sanitation, Street Lighting, Street Services
3. Crossroads Associates LLC	\$193,993	Liner LLP	\$193,993	Crossroads-Development of a 7 plus acre site with 8 new buildings including hotel, retail, residential and office uses. (CPC-2015-2025-ZC-HD-MCUP-CU-ZV-SPR)	City Council, Housing and Community Investment, Planning, LADOT
4. Jia Yuan USA Co., Inc.	\$177,329	Liner LLP	\$133,343	1020 S. Figueroa St./Los Angeles	Mayor, City Council, Building and Safety, Planning
		Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP	\$43,986	Project at 1020 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CA	Planning

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Client	Total Payments Reported From Client	Detail of Total Payments			Agencies Lobbied	
		Lobbying Firm	Payment	Project		
5. Airbnb	\$162,580	Urban Strategy Group	\$72,500	Special Event Permit	City Council, Building and Safety, LAFD, Neighborhood Councils, LAPD, Street Services, LADOT	
		Mercury Public Affairs	\$60,000	Land use.		No City agencies reported.
		Arnie Berghoff & Associates	\$30,000	Representation of client to City of Los Angeles with regards to short term rentals.		
6. Estate Four	\$155,032	Liner LLP	\$155,032	2 nd Street	City Council, Building and Safety, LAFD, Planning	

TOP 10 HIGHEST PAYING CLIENTS (cont'd)

Based on Aggregated Client Payments Reported for 2016 Q4 (cont'd)

Client	Total Payments Reported From Client	Detail of Total Payments			Agencies Lobbied
		Lobbying Firm	Payment	Project	
7. Jamison Properties, LP	\$154,169	Ek & Sunkin	\$40,000	Issues related to development	City Council, LAWA
		Craig Lawson & Co, LLC	\$24,599	Mixed Use Project/Westwood	City Council, Building and Safety, Neighborhood Councils, Planning
			\$8,463	Mixed Use Project/Wilshire/Ardmore	City Council, Building and Safety, Planning
			\$5,428	Mixed Use Project/Wilshire/Hoover	City Council, Building and Safety, Planning
			\$3,230	Mixed Use Project/Western/Manhattan	City Council, Planning
			\$2,573	Mixed Use Project/Wilshire/St. Andrews	Planning
			\$2,125	Mixed Use Project/Wilshire/Wilton	Planning
			\$978	Museum Project/6tn And Vermont	Planning
			\$350	Mixed Use Project/8 th and Berendo	Planning
			\$33	Mixed Use Project/Figueroa and 4 th	Planning
			Mayer Brown LLP	\$39,569	Assist client with City entitlements
		Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac LLP	\$17,931	3700 Wilshire Blvd./3700 Wilshire Blvd.	No City agencies reported.
			\$8,890	3600 Wilshire Blvd./3600 Wilshire Blvd.	Planning, DWP

TOP 10 HIGHEST PAYING CLIENTS (cont'd)					
Based on Aggregated Client Payments Reported For 2016 Q4					
Client	Total Payments Reported From Client	Detail of Total Payments			Agencies Lobbied
		Lobbying Firm	Payment	Project	
8. Spectrum Group Real Estate	\$140,289	Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac LLP	\$95,140	4000 S. Figueroa Entitlements for 260-400 unit project.	City Council, DWP
		Ek & Sunkin	\$45,149	Issues dealing with property Development.	City Council
9. Lightstone DTLA LLC (and Lightstone and Lightstone Group)	\$138,171	Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP	\$85,000	Figueroa Convention Center Hotel (Entitlements)	City Council, Planning
		Arnie Berghoff & Associates	\$30,000	Development projects in City of Los Angeles.	City Council, Planning
		Urban Solutions, LLC	\$15,041	Proposed hotel/Pico & Figueroa [CF 16-0073]	City Council
		Psomas	\$8,330	Subdivision Map/601 W. Pico Blvd and 1249-1260 S. Figueroa Ave.	Planning;
10. Lowe Enterprises Inc. (and Lowe Enterprises Real Estate Group)	\$131,877	Liner LLP	\$115,837	Culver City	Mayor, City Council, Building and Safety, Planning
			\$11,257	Arts District	City Council, Building and Safety, LAFD
		Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac LLP	\$4,783	2130 Violet/2130 Violet	Council, Planning

G. Fundraisers

Lobbying entities are required to disclose the fundraising they engage in on behalf of elected City officials, candidates, and committees. Of the 636 fourth-quarter lobbying entities, 10 (1.6 percent) reported fundraising activity, which totaled \$94,350. A breakdown of the fourth-quarter fundraising activity as reported by these six lobbying firms and four lobbyists is provided in the table below. Entities that reported identical amounts for the same candidate or officeholder may have served as co-hosts for the same fundraising event.

FUNDRAISERS 2016 Q4			
Rank & Total Raised	Name of Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipients
1. \$25,000	Kirra, LLC	Firm	Friends of Eric Garcetti Officeholder..... \$25,000
2. \$20,350	Aristos Strategy, LLC	Firm*	Garcetti for Mayor 2017..... \$20,350
3. \$14,000	Strategic Government Affairs	Firm*	Los Angeles Forward - Councilmember Mike Bonin's Ballot Measure Committee \$14,000

FUNDRAISERS 2016 Q4 (cont'd)				
4.	\$13,000	Urban Solutions, LLC	Firm*	Huizar Officeholder Account \$8,000 Monica Rodriguez for City Council 2017..... \$5,000
5.	\$8,000	Glaser, Weil, Fink, Howard, Avchen & Shapiro, LLP	Firm	Garcetti for Mayor 2017 \$8,000
6.	\$5,600	David Hersbst	Lobbyist	Garcetti for Mayor 2017 \$5,600
7.	\$4,200	Englander Knabe and Allen	Firm	Garcetti for Mayor 2017 \$2,000 Ron Galperin For City Controller 2017..... \$1,500 Mitch O'Farrell for City Council 2017 \$700
8.	\$2,000	Alex H. Chernin	Lobbyist	Garcetti for Mayor 2017 \$2,000
9.	\$1,200	Eric W. Rose	Lobbyist	Mitch O'Farrell for City Council 2017 \$700 Ron Galperin For City Controller 2017..... \$500
10.	\$1,000	Jeffrey S. McConnell	Lobbyist	Ron Galperin For City Controller 2017..... \$1,000

*Sole proprietor

H. 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 City-controlled committees if they are required to be registered to lobby the City office the official or candidate holds or seeks. This ban does not extend to lobbyist employers.

In the fourth quarter, two lobbyist employers and one lobbying firm reported making \$4,700 in contributions to four City officeholder and three City Council campaign committees.

MADE CONTRIBUTIONS 2016 Q4			
Total Made	Name of Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipients
\$3,500	Laborers Local 300	Employer	<i>Councilmember Cedillo Officeholder Account 2013.....\$700</i> <i>David Ryu for City Council 2015 Officeholder.....\$700</i> <i>Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015 Officeholder\$700</i> <i>Huizar Officeholder Account\$700</i> <i>Mike Bonin for City Council 2017.....\$700</i>
\$700	California Resources Corporation	Employer	<i>Curren Price, Jr. for City Council 2017\$700</i>
\$500	Spindler Engineering	Firm	<i>Monica Rodriguez for City Council 2017.....\$500</i>

Also during the reporting period, seven lobbying entities (three lobbyists, three lobbying firms, and one lobbyist employer) reported delivering a combined \$29,550 in contributions. These contributions are detailed in the following table.

DELIVERED CONTRIBUTIONS 2016 Q4			
Rank & Total Delivered	Name of Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipients
1. \$8,400	Kindel Gagan	Firm	<i>Garcetti for Mayor 2017 \$4,200</i> <i>Curren Price, Jr. for City Council 2017..... \$1,400</i> <i>Friends of Eric Garcetti Officeholder \$1,400</i> <i>Monica Rodriguez for City Council 2017 \$1,400</i>
2. \$6,450	Afriat Consulting Group Inc	Firm	<i>Councilmember O'Farrell Officeholder 2013 \$1,400</i> <i>Mitch O'Farrell for City Council 2017..... \$1,400</i> <i>Curren Price, Jr. for City Council 2017..... \$1,200</i> <i>Karo Torossian for Council 2017..... \$1,000</i> <i>Bob Blumenfield For City Council 2017..... \$750</i> <i>Koretz for City Council 2017 \$700</i>
3. \$6,300	Central City Association of Los Angeles	Employer	<i>Cedillo for City Council 2017..... \$700</i> <i>Councilmember Cedillo Officeholder Account 2013..... \$700</i> <i>Councilmember O'Farrell Officeholder 2013 \$700</i> <i>Curren Price, Jr. for City Council 2017..... \$700</i> <i>Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015 Officeholder..... \$700</i> <i>Huizar Officeholder Account \$700</i> <i>Koretz for City Council 2017 \$700</i> <i>Mike Bonin for City Council 2017..... \$700</i> <i>Mitch O'Farrell for City Council 2017..... \$700</i>
4. \$4,200	Englander Knabe and Allen	Firm	<i>Garcetti for Mayor 2017 \$2,000</i> <i>Ron Galperin For City Controller 2017 \$1,500</i> <i>Mitch O'Farrell for City Council 2017..... \$700</i>

DELIVERED CONTRIBUTIONS 2016 Q4 (cont'd)				
5.	\$2,000	Alex S. Chernin	Lobbyist	<i>Garcetti for Mayor 2017</i> \$2,000
6.	\$1,200	Eric W. Rose	Lobbyist	<i>Mitch O'Farrell for City Council 2017</i> \$700 <i>Ron Galperin For City Controller 2017</i> \$500
7.	\$1,000	Jeffrey S. McConnell	Lobbyist	<i>Ron Galperin For City Controller 2017</i> \$1,000

I. Public Access

Detailed information about lobbying entities and their clients is available on the lobbying page of the Ethics Commission’s web site. 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.

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