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City of Los Angeles Lobbyists Receive \$4.6 Million to Influence Officials

Ethics Commission Releases 2nd Quarter Lobbying Report

Lobbyists registered with the City of Los Angeles reported earning more than \$4.6 million during a three-month period for their attempts to influence City policy-makers, according to the *Second Quarter 2003 Lobbying Report* issued today by the City Ethics Commission. From April through June of this year, 62 lobbying firms reported receiving \$4,647,156 in fees from clients. This amount is second only to the record high that was reported in the fourth quarter of 2002, when 68 firms disclosed receipt of \$4,825,482 in fees. Based on the lobbying fees reported, the “top ten” most lobbied projects in the City during the second quarter were:

1. Harbor Animal Shelter Services Center Project	\$ 181,550
2. Proposed Sale of Los Angeles Export Terminal (LAXT)	177,511
3. Wilshire Malcolm Development Project	157,407
4. Playa Vista Development Project	110,527
5. Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Modernization Project	108,501
6. Midtown Plaza Redevelopment Project	93,597
7. LAX Gift and News Concession Expansion Project	72,671
8. 2000 Avenue of the Stars Redevelopment Project	63,486
9. Thornton Lofts Development Project	56,155
10. Furama Hotel Redevelopment Project	54,572

LAX modernization has been on the top ten most lobbied projects list for the last five consecutive quarters and was the fourth most lobbied project of the year in 2002 in terms of lobbying fees paid. During the second quarter of this year, four lobbying firms reported receiving a total of \$108,501 from five clients to influence City officials about matters related to airport overcrowding, ground accessibility, security and environmental impact. The City of El Segundo was

2nd Quarter Lobbyist Payments on LAX Modernization Project	
City of El Segundo payments to The MWW Group	\$ 50,001
The MWW Group, on behalf of the City of El Segundo, payments to Kelly, Lytton, Mintz & Vann, LLP	\$ 11,000*
Gateway to LA PBID payments to The MWW Group	\$ 37,500
Airbus North America Holdings Inc. payments to Ramirez & Company	\$ 10,000
URS Corporation payment to Rose & Kindel	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$108,501

*Payment disclosed represents a portion of the \$50,001 payment from the City of El Segundo to The MWW Group.

reported to have paid fees of \$50,001, making that City the client that paid the most to lobbyists working on this project during the second quarter. Since 2002, registered lobbyists have reported receiving a total of \$656,038 from all clients for their attempts to influence this project.

2nd Qtr. Contributions to City Officials & Candidates	
Made by Lobbyists:	\$109,091
Delivered by Lobbyists:	\$ 44,600
Lobbyists Served as Intermediary for:	\$ 26,914
TOTAL:	\$180,605

Lobbyist-related political contributions to City candidates and officeholders as reported for the period totaled \$180,605, up from \$116,434 reported last quarter. These figures do not include contributions to officials that may have resulted from lobbyists' other fundraising activities such as hosting fundraising events. Next year, new legislation proposed by the Commission will take effect that will require a lobbyist to provide information about fundraising activities

that result in significant amounts of contributions to an elected official and will require the elected official to disclose when he or she has been lobbied on a particular matter by the lobbyist who conducted that fundraising.

The *Second Quarter 2003 Lobbying Report*, compiled from lobbyists' disclosure statements filed with the Ethics Commission, summarizes the top ten projects and provides additional information about lobbyists' activities including the identity of clients and compensation reported.

For a [copy of the report](#), contact the Commission at (213) 978-1960 or visit the Commission's Web site at ethics.lacity.org.

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