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**OVER \$11.3 MILLION SPENT TO LOBBY  
CITY AGENCIES IN FOURTH QUARTER OF 2013**

Entities registered to lobby City agencies reported receiving payments totaling over \$11.3 million in the fourth quarter of 2013, according to a report discussed by the Ethics Commission today.

Reports filed by lobbying entities disclosed that clients paid a total of \$11,362,132 to lobby the City during the fourth quarter. The clients that paid the most for lobbying services during the quarter include Harvard-Westlake; M. David Paul & Associates; Legado Companies; Amalgamated Bank; Exelon Corporation on behalf of Constellation Energy; Coalition to Save the Westside; Champion Real Estate Company; iStar Financial Inc.; Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences; and The Fifteen Group. During the fourth quarter, these clients each made total payments ranging from \$119,246 to \$479,634. Together, their payments represented 20 percent of all payments by clients for the quarter.

The ten lobbying firms receiving the most client payments in the fourth quarter of 2013 were Cerrell Assoc Inc; Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP; Afriat Consulting Group Inc; M Advisors LLC; Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher; Ek & Ek; Craig Lawson & Co., LLC; Englander, Knabe and Allen; Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP; and Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac LLP. Together, these lobbying firms received a total of \$5,905,415 from their clients, representing 52 percent of all client payments received in the fourth quarter of 2013.

In addition to payments from clients, 26 of the 550 registered lobbying entities reported fundraising activity totaling \$240,948 for City campaigns, officeholders, and committees. The full report on fourth-quarter lobbying activities, the disclosure reports filed by lobbying entities, and searchable information about lobbying entities and their clients are available at [ethics.lacity.org](http://ethics.lacity.org) or by contacting the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960.

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*The City Ethics Commission was created by Los Angeles voters in 1990 to impartially administer and enforce the City's governmental ethics, campaign financing, and lobbying laws.*