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**OVER \$12.5 MILLION SPENT TO LOBBY  
CITY AGENCIES IN FIRST QUARTER OF 2015**

Entities registered to lobby City agencies reported receiving payments totaling over \$12.5 million in the first quarter of 2015, according to a report presented by the Ethics Commission today.

Reports filed by lobbying entities disclosed that clients paid a total of \$12,655,196 to lobby the City during the first quarter. Out of a total of 1,072 registered clients for the first quarter, the ten clients paying the most for lobbying services during the quarter include Englander Knabe & Allen on behalf of Seaview Investors, LLC; Live Nation, Inc.; Live Nation; Kellal Israel Synagogue; Seaview Investors, LLC; Atlas Capital Group, LLC; Nationwide RP Corporation; Millennium Partners; Champion Real Estate Company; and Lincoln Property Company (LPC) West, LLC. During the first quarter, these clients each made total payments ranging from \$89,565 to \$134,782. Together, their payments represented 8.2 percent of all payments by clients for the quarter.

The ten lobbying firms receiving the most client payments in the first quarter of 2015 were Afriat Consulting Group Inc; Glaser, Weil, Fink, Howard, Avchen & Shapiro, LLP; Marathon Communications; Kindel Gagan; Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac LLP; Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP; Ek & Ek; Craig Lawson & Co., LLC; Liner LLP; and Englander Knabe and Allen. These firms reported receiving total payments from clients ranging from \$300,750 to \$981,923 for the quarter. Together, these lobbying firms received a total of \$5,705,275 from their clients, representing 45 percent of all client payments received in the first quarter of 2015.

In addition to payments from clients, 27 of the 562 registered lobbying entities reported fundraising activity totaling \$123,855 for City campaigns, officeholders, and committees. The full report on first-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 calling the Ethics Commission.

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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.*