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**OVER \$13.5 MILLION SPENT TO LOBBY  
CITY AGENCIES IN FIRST QUARTER OF 2016**

Entities registered to lobby City agencies reported receiving payments totaling over \$13.5 million in the first quarter of 2016, according to a report on the Ethics Commission's agenda today.

Reports filed by lobbying entities disclosed that clients paid a total of \$13,543,472 to lobby the City during the first quarter. Out of a total of 1,176 registered clients for the first quarter, the lobbying clients who made the ten largest aggregated payments for lobbying services during the quarter include Jia Yuan USA Co., Inc.; AEG; MREC HD Elysian Park, LLC; LAFC Sports, LLC; Trammell Crow Residential; iHeartMedia, Inc., Clear Channel Outdoor, and Affiliated Entities; Townscape Partners; CH Palladium, LLC; Jamison Properties; and Crossroads Associates LLC. During the first quarter, these clients reported total payments ranging from \$118,914 to \$220,660. In total, these payments represented 11.6 percent of all payments by clients for the quarter.

The ten lobbying firms receiving the most client payments in the first quarter of 2016 were M Advisors LLC; Ek & Ek; Marathon Communications Inc; Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP; Ek & Sunkin; Kindel Gagan; Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac LLP; Craig Lawson & Co., LLC; Englander Knabe and Allen; and Liner LLP. These firms reported receiving total payments from clients ranging from \$361,562 to \$1,266,009 for the quarter. Together, these lobbying firms received a total of \$6,449,295 from their clients, representing 47.6 percent of all client payments received in the first quarter of 2016.

In addition to payments from clients, 18 of the 578 registered lobbying entities reported fundraising activity totaling \$124,046 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 on the Ethics Commission's web site.

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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.*