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# LOS ANGELES CITY ETHICS COMMISSION

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### NEARLY \$13.9 MILLION SPENT TO LOBBY CITY AGENCIES IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2017

Entities registered to lobby City agencies reported receiving payments totaling over \$13.8 million in the first quarter of 2017, according to a report on the Ethics Commission's agenda today.

Reports filed by lobbying entities disclosed that clients paid a total of \$13,897,249 to lobby the City during the first quarter. Of the 1,275 clients registered for the first quarter, the ten who made the largest aggregated payments for lobbying services are listed in the Top 10 Highest Paying Clients table (see right).

Payments from these clients combined totaled \$1,569,271, and represented 11.3 percent of all payments by lobbying clients for the quarter.

	Top 10 Highest Paying Clients	Total Payments in Q1
1	Seaview Investors LLC	\$267,337
2	City Century LLC	\$220,000
3	Lightstone DTLA LLC	\$185,273
4	Lowe Enterprises Inc.	\$150,107
5	iHeartMedia, Inc., Clear Channel Outdoor, and Affiliated Entities	\$144,079
6	Crespi Carmelite High School	\$132,478
7	AEG	\$119,998
8	Monteverdi LLC c/o Paratus Group	\$119,829
9	Harridge Development Group, LLC	\$118,906
10	Trammell Crow Residential	\$111,264

In addition to payments from clients, 17 of the 574 first quarter lobbying entities reported fundraising activity totaling \$61,750 for City campaigns, officeholders, and committees.

	Top 10 Highest Paid Lobbying Firms	Total Lobbying Payments Received in Q1
1	Liner LLP	\$1,019,936
2	Englander Knabe and Allen	\$966,576
3	Craig Lawson & Co., LLC	\$868,981
4	Ek, Sunkin, Klink & Bai	\$835,333
5	Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac LLP	\$781,558
6	Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP	\$500,884
7	Kindel Gagan	\$418,749
8	Marathon Communications Inc	\$415,348
9	Urban Solutions, LLC	\$402,327
10	Afriat Consulting Group Inc	\$390,695

The ten lobbying firms receiving the most client payments in the first quarter of 2017 are listed in the Top 10 Highest Paid Lobbying Firms table (see left). Together, these lobbying firms received a total of \$6,600,387, representing 47.5 percent of all client payments received in the first quarter of 2017. 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 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.*