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OVER \$16.9 MILLION SPENT TO LOBBY CITY AGENCIES IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2017

Entities registered to lobby City agencies reported receiving payments totaling over \$16.9 million in the second quarter of 2017, according to a report on the Ethics Commission's agenda yesterday.

Reports filed by lobbying entities disclosed that clients paid a total of \$16,935,200 to lobby the City during the second quarter. Of the 1,458 clients registered for the second 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 totaled \$2,456,399 and represented 14.5 percent of all payments by lobbying clients for the quarter.

	Top 10 Highest Paying Clients	Total Payments in Q2
1	Lowe Enterprises Inc.	\$427,630
2	Crossroads Associates LLC	\$393,837
3	Atlas Capital Group, LLC	\$317,770
4	Lightstone DTLA LLC	\$292,535
5	Watermark Westwood Village LLC	\$257,538
6	Hollywood International Regional Center	\$207,456
7	Westfield, LLC	\$167,424
8	Jeff Franklin	\$138,334
9	Athens Services	\$135,110
10	Harridge Development Group, LLC	\$118,765

In addition to payments from clients, 13 of the 573 second quarter lobbying entities reported fundraising activity totaling \$90,075 for City campaigns, officeholders, and committees.

	Top 10 Highest Paid Lobbying Firms	Total Lobbying Payments Received in Q2
1	Liner LLP	\$2,310,565
2	Englander Knabe and Allen	\$1,116,225
3	Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac LLP	\$949,652
4	Craig Lawson & Co., LLC	\$865,643
5	Ek, Sunkin, Klink & Bai	\$828,000
6	Glaser, Weil, Fink, Howard, Avchen & Shapiro, LLP	\$731,672
7	Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP	\$692,449
8	Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP	\$674,910
9	M Advisors LLC	\$451,120
10	Latham & Watkins LLP	\$429,153

The ten lobbying firms receiving the most client payments in the second quarter of 2017 are listed in the Top 10 Highest Paid Lobbying Firms table (see left). Together, these lobbying firms received a total of \$9,049,389, representing 53.4 percent of all client payments received in the second quarter of 2017. The full report on second-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.

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.