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**NEARLY \$12 MILLION SPENT TO LOBBY
CITY AGENCIES IN SECOND QUARTER OF 2014**

Entities registered to lobby City agencies reported receiving payments totaling just under \$12 million in the second quarter of 2014, according to a report discussed by the Ethics Commission today.

Reports filed by lobbying entities disclosed that clients paid a total of \$11,880,627 to lobby the City during the second quarter. The clients that paid the most for lobbying services during the quarter include CBS Outdoor; The Clarett Group; Townscape Partners; Hudson Capital LLC; Clay Lacy Aviation; Seaview Investors, LLC; Greenland US Holding Co.; Coalition to Save the Westside; 228 S. Main Street, LLC; and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences. During the second quarter, these clients each made total payments ranging from \$84,994 to \$322,328. Together, their payments represented 12.6 percent of all payments by clients for the quarter.

The ten lobbying firms receiving the most client payments in the second quarter of 2014 were Cerell Associates; Afriat Consulting Group Inc; Liner LLP; Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP; Arnie Berghoff & Associates; Ek & Ek; Craig Lawson & Co., LLC; Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP; Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac LLP; and Englander Knabe and Allen. These firms reported receiving total payments from clients ranging from \$320,624 to \$1,141,225 for the quarter. Together, these lobbying firms received a total of \$6,048,926 from their clients, representing 51 percent of all client payments received in the second quarter of 2014.

In addition to payments from clients, 25 of the 542 registered lobbying entities reported fundraising activity totaling \$167,972 for City campaigns, officeholders, and committees. 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 at ethics.lacity.org or by calling the Ethics Commission.

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.