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**OVER \$16.5 MILLION SPENT TO LOBBY
CITY AGENCIES IN THIRD QUARTER OF 2016**

Entities registered to lobby City agencies reported receiving payments totaling over \$16.5 million in the third 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 \$16,548,873 to lobby the City during the third quarter. Of the 1,636 clients registered for the third quarter, the ten who made the largest aggregated payments for lobbying services were CH Palladium, LLC; Essex Property Trust; Harridge Development Group, LLC; AEG; Lowe Enterprises Inc.; Jia Yuan USA Co., Inc.; Townscape Partners; Lightstone DTLA, LLC; Hudson Capital LLC; and Crossroads Associates LLC. During the third quarter, these clients reported total payments ranging from \$109,931 to \$285,232. In total, these payments represented 11.5 percent of all payments by clients for the quarter.

The ten lobbying firms receiving the most client payments in the third quarter of 2016 were Glaser, Weil, Fink, Howard, Avchen & Shapiro, LLP; M Advisors LLC; Marathon Communications Inc; Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP; Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP; Ek and Sunkin; Craig Lawson & Co., LLC; Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac LLP; Liner LLP; and Englander Knabe and Allen. These firms reported receiving total payments from clients ranging from \$457,688 to \$1,152,596 for the quarter. Together, these lobbying firms received a total of \$7,724,199 from their clients, representing 46.7 percent of all client payments received in the third quarter of 2016.

In addition to payments from clients, 16 of the 614 registered lobbying entities reported fundraising activity totaling \$153,150 for City campaigns, officeholders, and committees. The full report on third-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 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.