Item 10 Information

Quarterly Lobbying Report

Executive Summary: This item presents a summary of activities reported to the Ethics Commission by lobbying entities for the second quarter of 2015.

Recommended Action: This item is for informational purposes only.

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Lobbying Report: 2nd Quarter 2015

A. Introduction

The Municipal Lobbying Ordinance (MLO) regulates persons who receive compensation to lobby City officials. Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) §§ 48.01, *et seq.* In LAMC § 48.01(B), the MLO makes several findings regarding lobbying activity, including the following:

- 1. Citizens have a right to know the identities of those who attempt to influence City decisions;
- 2. Public disclosure by lobbyists and their clients regarding their lobbying activities is essential to citizen confidence in the integrity of local government;
- 3. It is in the public interest to ensure that lobbyists do not misrepresent facts or their positions;
- 4. It is in the public interest to ensure that lobbyists do not place City officials under personal obligation to themselves or their clients.

To help ensure adequate and effective disclosure regarding efforts to lobby City government, lobbying entities are required to file quarterly disclosure reports. *See* LAMC §§ 48.01(B)(6), 48.08. This item summarizes information disclosed on the lobbying reports filed for the second quarter of 2015.

B. Legal Background

1. <u>Definitions</u>

The MLO defines lobbying activity generally as compensated conduct related to communications with City officials that are designed to influence municipal matters. LAMC § 48.02. The lobbying entities that are regulated by the MLO include lobbyists, lobbying firms, and lobbyist employers.

A lobbyist is an individual who is compensated to spend 30 or more hours in a three-month period to engage in lobbying activities that include at least one direct communication with a City employee, including commissioners, that is designed to influence a City matter on behalf of another person. *Id.* A lobbying firm is an entity that is entitled to receive \$1,000 in compensation for engaging in lobbying activities on behalf of another person during a three-month period, if a partner, owner, shareholder, owner, or employee of the entity qualifies as a lobbyist. *Id.* A lobbying firm may be an individual lobbyist. Finally, a lobbyist employer is an entity that employs a lobbyist in-house to lobby on the entity's behalf. *Id.*

Certain persons are exempt from the lobbying regulations. These include individuals acting in an official government capacity, newspapers and other media outlets that publish editorials or paid advertising, persons whose only activity is bidding on a City contract, and 501(c)(3) organizations created to provide services to indigent persons and that organization's employees when acting in the scope of that employment. LAMC § 48.03.

2. Registration and Reporting

Lobbyists and lobbying firms are required to register with the Ethics Commission on an annual basis. LAMC §§ 48.07(A)-(B). Registration is required within 10 days after the end of the month in which the qualification threshold is met. LAMC § 48.07(A). The fees for each year's registration are \$450 per lobbyist plus \$75 for each client from whom the lobbyist is entitled to receive \$250 or more in a calendar quarter. LAMC § 48.07(C).

Every lobbying entity is required to file quarterly disclosure reports once it or, for lobbyist employers, one of its employees qualifies as a lobbying entity. LAMC § 48.08(A)(1). They must continue to submit quarterly reports until registration is terminated, either voluntarily or automatically by virtue of the end of the calendar year. The disclosure reports must contain specific information, including the following:

- a. Each City agency that a lobbyist attempted to influence. LAMC §§ 48.08(B)(12), 48.08(C)(14).
- b. Each municipal matter that a lobbyist employer attempted to influence. LAMC § 48.08(D)(6).
- c. Total payments from clients to lobbying firms. LAMC § 48.08(C)(4).
- d. Total payments to lobbyists by lobbying firms and lobbyist employers. LAMC §§ 48.08(C)(7)(a), 48.08(D)(3).
- e. The elected City officials, candidates, and committees for which a lobbyist engaged in fundraising activity, as well as the dates of the activity and the amount of money raised. LAMC §§ 48.08(B)(7), 48.08(C)(9), 48.08(D)(10).
- f. Services provided by a lobbyist to a City candidate or ballot measure campaign or to the City under contract, including the amount of compensation received for those services. LAMC §§ 48.08(B)(10)-(11), 48.08(C)(12)-(13).

3. <u>Prohibited Activities</u>

Lobbying entities are prohibited from engaging in certain types of activity. They may not attempt to deceive City officials. LAMC §§ 48.04(B), (D). They may not place City officials under personal obligation to them. LAMC § 48.04(A). They may not create a municipal matter for the purpose of being retained to lobby on that matter. LAMC § 48.04(C).

Lobbyists and lobbying firms are also limited in certain financial activities. They may engage in fundraising, but they may not make campaign contributions to elected City officials, candidates, or their committees if they are required to be registered to lobby the office the official or candidate holds or seeks. Los Angeles City Charter § 470(c)(11). And they may not make or act as an intermediary in the making of a gift to a City official. LAMC §§ 48.04(E), 49.5.10(A)(4)-(5).

C. Second Quarter Compliance

In the second quarter of 2015, there were 400 registered lobbyists and 123 registered lobbying firms, including 52 sole proprietorships. In addition, there were 77 lobbyist employers.

These 600 lobbying entities were required to file 548 disclosure reports for the second quarter (the 52 sole proprietor lobbyists were required to file a lobbying firm report but not a lobbyist report). A total of 547 reports (99.8 percent) were filed on time. A single lobbyist employer filed its report four days after the deadline and paid \$100 in related late penalties.

D. Top 10 Highest Paid Lobbying Firms

Lobbying firms are required to report the total amount of payments they receive each quarter from the clients they represent. A total of \$13,761,530 in payments from clients was reported by all lobbying firms for the second quarter of 2015.

The ten firms that reported the highest total payments from clients are identified in the table on the following pages. Each of the top ten firms reported receiving at least \$400,000 from clients in the second quarter. Together, the ten firms reported receiving a total of \$6,358,212, which represents 46.2 percent of all payments from clients reported by all lobbying firms for the second quarter of 2015.

		ST PAID LOBBYING FIRM ts Received From Clients in 2015 Q2	
Rank & Payments	Firm & Clients		
1) \$1,211,221	Englander Knabe and Al	len	
	300 South Robertson LLC 4G Wireless, Inc. Accela, Inc. American Golf Corporation Applications Software Technology Corp. – AST Art of Living Foundation USA AT&T Enterprise Services (AT & T and its affiliates) Avaya BNSF Railway Company Boingo Wireless, Inc. Brosamer and Wall, Inc. California Independent Petroleum Association - CIPA California Retailers Association CALTROP City of Ontario Clay Lacy Aviation Coca Cola Bottling USA	Crews of California, Inc. Downtown Center Studios Elections Systems & Software LLC Enterprise Rent-A-Car Company of Los Angeles Envista Corporation Gavin de Becker & Associates, Inc. Greater California Livery Association IMPEX Technologies, Inc. Independent Taxi Company Itron, Inc. Jordan Downs Community Partners, LLC LA Checker Cab Cooperative, Inc. Motorola, Inc. MWest Holdings National Strategies, LLC on behalf of Renovate America Nederlander-Greek, Inc. Official Police Garage Assn of LA OmniEarth Onni Contracting (CA) Inc	Pulice Construction Residential Neighbors of Archer Seaview Investors, LLC Standard Parking State Partners LLC on behalf of EMC System Development Integration LLC Tesoro Companies Inc. Total Transportation Services, Inc. – TTSI TRC Solutions, Inc. Trumark Homes dba Clifford Street LLC United Taxi

	TOP 10 HIGHEST I Based on Paymer	PAID LOBBYING FIRMS (data Received From Clients in 2015 Q	cont'd)			
Rank & Payments	Firm & Clients					
2) \$903,488	Armbruster Goldsmith 8	Delvac LLP				
	4180 Wilshire LLC 512 Perugia Way, LLC 5955 De Soto, LLC 7107 KWLF Developers, LLC Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences AEG Alliance Development Amoroso Company Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc Associated Estates Bension, Marc blvd hospitality Bolour Brentwood School California Landmark Camden USA, Inc. Cascades Project Owner LLC Case Real Estate Planners I, LLC CIM Group Crest Real Estate Din/Cal 2, Inc.	Douglas Emmett Faring Capital, LLC Fifield Companies Frost/Chaddock Developers, LLC Genton Property Group Greystar Hawkins Way Capital, LLC IMT Capital LLC Innovative Dining Group iStar Financial Joan's on Third Katzenbach, Rick KB Home KOR Group Land Sea Air Leasing, Corp. Lennar Multifamily Lincoln Property Company Lizard Capital LLC M David Paul MacFarlane Partners Marlborough School MGA North LLC Milken Community Schools Next Century Associates, LLC Pebblebrook Hotels	Precision Development Company Related California Rublevich, Michael Scott, Michael Sonnenblick, Robert Spectrum Group Real Estate Stephen Wise Temple SunCal Terra River LLC The Buckley School The Hanover Company The Mirman School The Moss Group The Walt Disney Company Tohigh Construction Investment, LLC TriStar Realty Group, LLC UDR United Technologies Corporation University of Southern California Walgreens Wilshire Skyline, Inc. Windward School			

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	TOP 10 HIGHEST PAID LOBBYING FIRMS (cont'd) Based on Payments Received From Clients in 2015 Q2					
Rank & Payments	Firm & Clients					
3) \$634,601	Craig Lawson & Co., LL	C				
	1045 Olive LLC 1200 S. Figueroa LLC 233 W. Washington LLC 28th Church A Community of Friends Abode Communities Alameda & Fourth LLC Amacon Construction Ltd. Bentley Realty Partners Boss Law Firm Camden USA Career Lofts - LA Carmel Partners Inc. CIM Group Combined Properties Crown Equity DHG Family Trust Dynamic Development Co. Edge Architecture Equity Residential GPI Companies	Greenland US Holding Co. Habita Arts District LLC Harold Richards LLC Holland Partners Hollywood Forever Inc. Jade Enterprises Jamison Properties LP Jewish Family Service Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Inc. LaTerra Development Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles Lowe Enterprises M West Holdings Maple Multi-Family Land CA Marina Pacific Hotel & Suites LLC McCadden Plaza L.P. McCormack Baron Salazar McGregor Brown Co. MGS Equities Onni Contracting	Overland Realty Partners LLC PATH Ventures R.D. Olson Development Rodeo Properties LLC RREEF America LLC Sandstone Properties Skid Row Housing Trust St Matthews Parish School St. Andrews - Santa Monica LLC Sterling Education West Synapse Strength & Conditioning LLC The City Market of Los Angeles The Hanover Company Trumark Urban UDR, Inc. Universal Villas LLC Venice Pacific Investments LP Verbukh, Isaac Westwood Marketplace LLC Wilson University Gateway LLC Yavneh Hebrew Academy			

	TOP 10 HIGHEST PAID LOBBYING FIRMS (cont'd) Based on Payments Received From Clients in 2015 Q2						
Rank & Payments	Firm & Clients						
4) \$633,426	Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP						
	11906 San Vicente, LLC 2251 Skycribs LLC; Matthew Elliott Green 248 Haynes Associates LLC 901 Strada LLC, Mohamed Hadid Action Investment Group, Inc. Amalgamated Bank ASB Watermarke Owner, LLC BIMHF, LLC Bisbal, Jorge Bordan Shoe Company Bright, Lilly and Evan Cole Bulwer Drive, LLC/Midwest First Financial, Inc.	Chasin, David Edelson, Steven Essex Property Trust Forestar Real Estate Group, Inc. Golovin, George and Yuliana GP Property Investors, LLC Green, Robert Hanasab, Robert HMMY Property Management Corp. and Eric Hecht HSR Devon Injae, LLC Jin Yuan USA Co., Inc. Kellal Israel Synagogue Kosher Foods Unlimited, Inc. dba GotKosher Kozar, Menashe L&B CIP South Bay Industria LLC	Patchin, Jeffrey Paul, Thomas Resnick, Ronald Ronald A. Simms Commercial Development and Montel Associates LP Schaefer, Daniel Tischer and 1100 Wilshire Garage LLC, Adam Tower Lane Properties, Inc. Weinstock, Brad and Damon Porter				
5) \$611,665	Ek & Ek						
σ, φοτι,σοσ	American Airlines California Hotel & Lodging Association CalPortland Cement Comcast Crown Disposal DFS North America Farmers Insurance Flying Food Forrest Lawn HMS Host	JC Decaux North America JMB Realty Corporation Live Nation Motion Picture Association of America NBCUniversal Media, LLC NIKE GBU West Northrop Gruman Corporation Pacific Maritime Association Parking Concepts Inc	Pick Your Part Recology Regency Outdoor Advertising, Inc. Toyota of North Hollywood Trammell Crow Company Valero Inc Walmart Warren E&P Inc. Waste Connections Yellow Cab				

		PAID LOBBYING FIRMS ents Received From Clients in 2015	
Rank & Payments	Firm & Clients		
6) \$529,672	Liner LLP		
	809 S. Flower LLC Atlas Capital Group, LLC Champion Real Estate Company CRE-HAR SoCal Lot JV, LLC/So Cal North Serrano SPV I, LLC Crossroads Associates LLC Harridge Development Group, LLC	Jia Yuan USA Co., Inc. Larchmont Village Partners One LLC Laurus Corporation Lindy Trust and Margaret L. Blume Trust Lowe Enterprises Inc. Millennium Partners MREC HD Blake Street MREC HD Elysian Park, LLC MREC Tramonto, LLC	Nationwide RP Corporation Nordhoff Associates, LLC NP Robertson Property Prime/CRDF Mission Hills, LLC Sannes, Michael Shappell Liberty Investment Properties, LLC So Cal North Serrano SPV I, LLC Tatsu Ramen LLC
7) \$517,141	Glaser, Weil, Fink, Howa	rd, Avchen & Shapiro, LLP	
	Bauer's Intelligent Transportation Bill, Tony BLDG Partners LLC Brookfield Office Properties C&C Partners Design/Build Firm Inc. Century City Realty, LLC Chen, Kevin Compton and Simpson LLC Franklin, Jeff	Goldstein Planting Partners, LLC Hooman Automotive Group Jerico Development Company Jones BH Acquisition LLC LA Taxi Cooperative Lion Boylston, LLC Marina Pacific Hotel and Suites, Inc. Merlone Geier Partners Modern Life Homes Inc. Modern Parking Inc Nederlander of California, Inc. New Roads School Otis College of Art and Design	Soleimani, Ben SP Plus Municipal Services Summit Media Sunset Equity Partners The Management Group Urban Blox Venice Windward LLC Vopak Terminal Los Angeles, Inc. Wildwood School

	TOP 10 HIGHEST PAID LOBBYING FIRMS (cont'd) Based on Payments Received From Clients in 2015 Q2						
Rank & Payments	Firm & Clients						
8) \$480,696	Kindel Gagan						
	6733 S. Sepulveda Blvd Associates, LLC 813 E 5th St., LLC A Community of Friends Adobe American Chemistry Council American Hotel & Lodging Association AT&T INC. AND ITS AFFILIATES Aviation Safeguards Axiom Real Estate Investments, Inc. Birdi & Associates, Inc. Cafe on Location California Sign Association	CAST Real Estate Holdings Central City East Association Century West BMW & MINI Universal City CLEAR DWP Mgmt Employees Assn Exelon Corporation on behalf of Constellation Energy Greater LA New Car Dealers Assn Hudson Group Kilroy Realty Corp LA Auto Show Manhole Adjusting Inc. Motion Picture & Television Mobile Catering Association Design	National Promotions & Advertising, Inc. Oracle America, Inc. Oremor Management & Investment Co. Planet Aid Praxair, Inc Danbury, CT Recording Industry Association of America, Inc. SAS Institute Inc. Smarte Carte, Inc. SolarCity STV Group Inc. Super Shuttle Los Angeles Transdev North America, Inc. United Airlines				
9) \$423,162	Latham & Watkins						
	512 Perugia Way, LLC 6104 Hollywood, LLC A & M PROPERTIES AmazonFresh, LLC Apartment Investments & Management Company ("AIMCO") Archer School for Girls Cambra Realty CH Palladium, LLC Clear Channel Outdoor Crescent Heights DCOR, LLC	Forest Lawn Memorial Park Assn GH Palmer Assoc (Palmer/Flower Street Properties, LP) Grand Avenue L.A., LLC (The Related Companies) Honeywell International, Inc. Industrial Bank of Korea Iron Mountain Incorporated JMB Realty Corporation (AKA: AP Properties) Karsh, Bruce & Marsha LAFC Sports, LLC	Live Nation, Inc. McCourt Partners LLC Mill Creek Residential NBCUniversal Media, LLC Norman Cienega Property Group LLC Pacific Maritime Association Paramount Studios SM 10000 Property, LLC St Matthews Parish School The Buckley School Tribune Media Company Westfield, LLC Wilshire Gayley, LLC				

	TOP 10 HIGHEST PAID LOBBYING FIRMS (cont'd) Based on Payments Received From Clients in 2015 Q2						
Rank & Payments	Firm & Clients						
10) \$413,140	Arnie Berghoff & Assoc	iates					
	Affirmed Housing Group Airbnb American Medical Response of So. California (AMR) Athens Services Barren Ridge 1 (Recurrent Energy) Cisco Systems Inc Clear Channel Outdoor	Englander Knabe & Allen on behalf of Nederlander- Greek, Inc. Englander Knabe & Allen on behalf of TRC Green Conversion Systems, LLC Jet Aviation Jon's Towing Company National Strategies, LLC on behalf of OHL USA, Inc.	Niche Technology US, Inc. Oracle America, Inc. Pershing Square Renew SADA Systems SERCO, Inc. Sonnenblick Development LLC The Lucy Pet Foundation TLC Engineering, Inc. Veolia Water North America Operating Services, LLC World Wide Technology				

E. Top 10 Highest Paying Clients

In the second quarter of 2015, there were 1,102 registered clients of lobbying entities. The clients who paid the most for lobbying services in the second quarter are identified in the following table, along with descriptions of the projects for which the payments were made.

Each of the top ten highest paying clients spent at least \$93,000 during the quarter. Combined, their payments totaled \$1,556,783 or 11.3 percent of the \$13,761,530 total reported payments from clients.

	TOP 10 HIGHEST PAYING CLIENTS Based on Payments Made in 2015 Q2							
Rank & Payments	Client	Project	Lobbying Firm	Agencies Lobbied				
1) \$437,742	Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences	Museum project located at 6067 Wilshire Blvd at the LACMA Campus. Involves reuse of City Historic Cultural Monument-designated May Company building and construction of 1,000-seat theatre and event space. Preparation and review of EIR and related technical studies in connection with necessary land use approvals and entitlement.	Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac LLP	City Attorney, City Council, Planning				

TOP 10 HIGHEST PAYING CLIENTS (cont'd) Based on Payments Made in 2015 Q2					
Rank & Payments	Client	Project	Lobbying Firm	Agencies Lobbied	
2) \$169,750	Nederlander of California, Inc.	RFP for Greek Theater operations.	Glaser, Weil, Fink, Howard, Avchen & Shapiro, LLP	Mayor, City Attorney, City Council, Rec & Parks	
3) \$153,750	National Strategies, LLC on behalf of Renovate America	Energy and water efficiency financing.	Englander Knabe and Allen	City Council	
4) \$127,936	CH Acquisitions 2, LLC	Assist client with issues regarding the property known as the Hollywood Palladium/6215 Sunset Blvd.	Afriat Consulting Group Inc	Mayor, City Attorney, City Council, Neighborhood Councils, Planning	
5) \$126,750	OUE USA Services Corp.	Development/633 W. Fifth Street, Los Angeles, CA.	Englander Knabe and Allen	City Council	
6) \$125,882	Live Nation	Greek Theater RFP/Los Angeles.	Manatt Phelps & Phillips LLP	Mayor, City Attorney, City Council, Rec & Parks	
7) \$109,108	Sullivan Equity Partners, LLC	Pending CEQA litigation, RWQCB 401 and CDFW 1600 enforcement issues /1834/1839 Old Ranch Road, City of Los Angeles [DIR# 2015-363-BSA].	Mitchell Chadwick LLP	Building and Safety	
8) \$107,903	Legado Companies	Entitlements for project/138 Culver, Playa del Rey.	Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP	City Council, Planning, LADOT	
9) \$104,635	Jin Yuan USA Co., Inc.	Project at 1020 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CA.	Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP	None	
10) \$93,327	Rancho LPG Holdings Inc.	General governmental relations and public affairs in connection with land use/pipeline/zoning matters affecting liquefied petroleum gas storage facility in San Pedro.	Svorinich Government Affairs	Mayor, City Attorney, City Council, Neighborhood Councils	

F. Fundraisers

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Lobbying entities are required to disclose the fundraising they engage in for elected City officials, candidates, and committees. Of the 600 second-quarter lobbying entities, 31 (5.2 percent) reported fundraising activity, which totaled \$479,977. A breakdown of the second-quarter fundraising activity is provided in the following table. Lobbying entities that reported

identical amounts for the same candidate or officeholder may have served as co-hosts for the same fundraising event.

	FUNDRAISERS 2015 Q2				
Rank & Total Raised	Name of Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipients		
1) \$95,750	Englander Knabe and Allen	Firm	Mitchell Englander for Supervisor 2016\$71,050 Garcetti for Mayor 2017\$7,600 Felipe Fuentes for City Council 2013 Officeholder Account\$5,400 David Ryu for City Council 2015 Officeholder\$3,500 Carolyn Ramsay for City Council 2015- General\$2,100 Controller Ron Galperin Officeholder Account\$2,000 Friends of Eric Garcetti Officeholder\$1,400 Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015\$1,300 Councilmember Curren Price Officeholder Account\$700 Huizar Officeholder Account\$700		
2) \$39,000	M Advisors LLC	Firm	Garcetti for Mayor 2017\$30,000 Re-Elect Mike Feuer City Attorney 2017\$9,000		
3) \$38,900	Kindel Gagan	Firm	Mike Feuer for City Attorney		
4) \$38,150	Harvey A. Englander	Lobbyist	Mitchell Englander for Supervisor 2016\$32,050 David Ryu for City Council 2015 Officeholder\$1,400 Felipe Fuentes for City Council 2013 Officeholder Account\$1,400 Garcetti for Mayor 2017\$1,400 Garcetti for Council 2009\$1,000 Friends of Eric Garcetti Officeholder\$700 Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015\$200		
5) \$27,700	Jeffrey McConnell	Lobbyist	Mitchell Englander for Supervisor 2016		

	FUNDRAISERS 2015 Q2 (cont'd)				
Rank & Total Raised	Name of Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipients		
6) \$22,400	Eric Rose	Lobbyist	Mitchell Englander for Supervisor 2016\$20,000 Felipe Fuentes for City Council 2013 Officeholder Account\$1,200 David Ryu for City Council 2015 Officeholder\$700 Controller Ron Galperin Officeholder Account\$500		
7) \$21,950	Strategic Government Affairs	Firm*	Garcetti for Mayor 2017		
8) \$20,350	Veronica Perez & Associates	Firm	Carolyn Ramsay for City Council 2015- General\$8,950 Felipe Fuentes for City Council 2013 Officeholder Account\$6,400 Re-Elect Mike Feuer City Attorney 2017\$5,000		
9) \$20,000	Kirra, LLC	Firm	Garcetti for Mayor 2017\$20,000		
10) \$17,700	Courtney Chesla Torres	Firm*	Re-Elect Mike Feuer City Attorney 2017\$12,700 Felipe Fuentes for City Council 2013 Officeholder Account\$5,000		
11) \$15,000	Glaser, Weil, Fink, Howard, Avchen & Shapiro, LLP	Firm	Re-Elect Mike Feuer City Attorney 2017\$10,200 Huizar Officeholder Account\$2,000 Carolyn Ramsay for City Council 2015-General\$700 Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015\$700 Mike Bonin for City Council 2013 Officeholder Account\$700 Wesson Officeholder Account\$700		
12) \$10,800	Cerrell Assoc Inc	Firm	Garcetti for Mayor 2017\$10,800		
13) \$10,800	Lisa Gritzner	Lobbyist	Garcetti for Mayor 2017\$10,800		
14) \$10,000	Aristos Strategy, LLC	Firm	Garcetti for Mayor 2017\$10,000		
15) \$9,300	Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac LLP	Firm	Re-Elect Mike Feuer City Attorney 2017\$8,600 Paul Koretz Officeholder\$700		
16) \$9,000	Urban Solutions, LLC	Firm*	Mitchell Englander for Supervisor 2016\$9,000		
17) \$8,550	Afriat Consulting Group Inc	Firm	Felipe Fuentes for City Council 2013 Officeholder Account\$8,550		
18) \$7,750	Sage Strategies, LLC	Firm*	Garcetti for Mayor 2017\$7,750		

	FUNDRAISERS 2015 Q2 (cont'd)				
Rank & Total Raised	Name of Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipients		
19) \$7,500	Marcus Allen	Lobbyist	Mitchell Englander for Supervisor 2016\$4,000 Garcetti for Mayor 2017\$1,400 Carolyn Ramsay for City Council 2015- General\$700 Felipe Fuentes for City Council 2013 Officeholder Account\$700 Controller Ron Galperin Officeholder Account\$500 Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015\$200		
20) \$6,900	Arnie Berghoff	Lobbyist	Mitchell Englander for Supervisor 2016\$5,500 Felipe Fuentes for City Council 2013 Officeholder Account\$1,400 Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015 Officeholder\$0 Paul Koretz Officeholder\$0		
21) \$6,900	Arnie Berghoff & Associates	Firm	Mitchell Englander for Supervisor 2016\$5,500 Felipe Fuentes for City Council 2013 Officeholder Account		
22) \$6,900	Kathy Irish	Lobbyist	Mitchell Englander for Supervisor 2016\$5,500 Felipe Fuentes for City Council 2013 Officeholder Account\$1,400 Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015 Officeholder\$0 Paul Koretz Officeholder\$0		
23) \$5,547	Apartment Association of Greater L.A.	Firm	Felipe Fuentes for City Council 2013 Officeholder Account \$2,898 Carolyn Ramsay for City Council 2015- General \$2,649		
24) \$5,000	Jimmy Blackman & Associates	Firm	Felipe Fuentes for City Council 2013 Officeholder Account\$5,000		
25) \$5,000	The Santa Maria Group	Firm*	Garcetti for Mayor 2017\$5,000		
26) \$4,400	Fred Gaines	Lobbyist	Carolyn Ramsay for City Council 2015- General\$4,400		
27) \$4,200	Central City Association of Los Angeles	Firm	Garcetti for Mayor 2017\$4,200		
28) \$2,800	Anne Williams	Lobbyist	Huizar for LA City Council 2015\$2,800		
29) \$1,400	Kate Bartolo & Associates	Firm*	Huizar Officeholder Account\$1,400		

	FUNDRAISERS 2015 Q2 (cont'd)						
	Rank & Total Raised	Name of Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipients			
30) \$350	David Herbst	Lobbyist	Councilmember Curren Price Officeholder Account\$350			
31) \$0	High Point Strategies	Firm*	Felipe Fuentes for City Council 2013 Officeholder Account\$0			

*Sole proprietor

G. Contributions

Lobbying entities must also report on a quarterly basis the contributions they make or deliver or for which they act as intermediaries. A lobbying entity delivers a contribution for another person when the lobbying entity causes the contribution to be mailed or physically conveyed to the recipient.

A lobbying entity is an intermediary for a contribution when the lobbying entity makes the contribution, itself, on behalf of another party who then reimburses the lobbying entity. The identity of a person for whom a lobbying entity acts as an intermediary must be disclosed.

The making of certain contributions is prohibited. Los Angeles City Charter section 470(c)11 bans lobbyists and lobbying firms from making contributions to elected City officials, candidates, or their committees if they are required to be registered to lobby the City office the official or candidate holds or seeks. This ban does not extend to lobbyist employers.

As indicated in the following table, four lobbyist employers, four lobbying firms, and one lobbyist disclosed making \$16,100 in contributions to City and LAUSD candidates and officeholders.

MADE CONTRIBUTIONS 2015 Q2					
Total Made	Name of Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipients		
\$ 5,000	Building Industry Association – Los Angeles/Ventura Chapter Apartment Association of Greater	Employer	Garcetti for Mayor 2017		
, ,,	L.A.		Carolyn Ramsay for City Council 2015- General		
\$ 1,500	Jimmy Blackman & Associates	Firm	Mitchell Englander for Supervisor 2016\$1,500		
\$ 1,500	Urban Solutions, LLC	Firm*	Mitchell Englander for Supervisor 2016\$1,500		
\$ 1,000	Glenn Gritzner	Lobbyist	Mitchell Englander for Supervisor 2016\$1,000		
\$ 700	Southern California Edison	Employer	Krekorian for City Council 2009 Officeholder\$700		
\$ 500	Los Angeles Business Council	Employer	Joe Buscaino for City Council 2011 Officeholder\$500		
\$ 500	TChoi and Associates	Firm*	Mitchell Englander for Supervisor 2016\$500		
\$ 500	Spindler Engineering CP	Firm	Mitchell Englander for Supervisor 2016\$500		

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Also in the second quarter, 12 lobbying entities (six lobbyists, five lobbying firms, and one lobbyist employer) reported delivering a combined \$114,550 in contributions. The delivered contributions are identified in the next table.

	DELIVERED CONTRIBUTIONS 2015 Q2					
Total Delivered	Name of Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipients			
\$ 60,050	Kindel Gagan	Firm	Garcetti for Mayor 2017			
\$ 19,200	Englander Knabe & Allen	Firm	Felipe Fuentes for City Council 2013 Officeholder Account \$3,500 Mitchell Englander for Supervisor 2016 \$3,000 David Ryu for City Council 2015 Officeholder \$2,800 Garcetti for Mayor 2017 \$2,400 Controller Ron Galperin Officeholder Account \$2,000 Friends of Eric Garcetti Officeholder \$1,400 Garcetti for Mayor 2017 \$1,400 Carolyn Ramsay for City Council 2015- General \$700 Councilmember Curren Price Officeholder Account \$700 Huizar Officeholder Account \$700 Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015 \$600			
\$ 10,000	Jeffrey McConnell	Lobbyist	Garcetti for Mayor 2017			

DELIVERED CONTRIBUTIONS 2015 Q2 (cont'd)						
Total Delivered	Name of Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipients			
\$ 8,900	Afriat Consulting Group Inc	Firm	Felipe Fuentes for City Council 2013\$2,650 Felipe Fuentes for City Council 2013 Officeholder Account\$1,900 Re-Elect Mike Feuer City Attorney 2017\$1,000 Carolyn Ramsay for City Council 2015- General\$950 Paul Koretz Officeholder\$700 Wesson Officeholder Account\$700 Bob Blumenfield for City Council 2013 – Officeholder Account\$500 Councilmember Cedillo Officeholder Account 2013\$500			
\$ 5,000	Marcus Allen	Lobbyist	Mitchell Englander for Supervisor 2016\$1,500 Garcetti for Mayor 2017\$1,400 Carolyn Ramsay for City Council 2015- General\$700 Felipe Fuentes for City Council 2013 Officeholder Account\$700 Controller Ron Galperin Officeholder Account\$500 Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015\$200			
\$ 3,000	Beverly Kenworthy	Lobbyist	Garcetti for Mayor 2017			
\$ 2,300	Harvey A. Englander	Lobbyist	David Ryu for City Council 2015 Officeholder\$700 Felipe Fuentes for City Council 2013 Officeholder Account\$700 Friends of Eric Garcetti Officeholder\$700 Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015\$200			
\$ 1,900	Eric Rose	Lobbyist	David Ryu for City Council 2015 Officeholder\$700 Felipe Fuentes for City Council 2013 Officeholder Account\$700 Controller Ron Galperin Officeholder Account\$500			
\$ 1,400	Gregory Spiker	Lobbyist	Controller Ron Galperin Officeholder Account\$700 Paul Koretz Officeholder\$700			
\$ 1,400	Ken Spiker And Associates	Firm	Controller Ron Galperin Officeholder Account\$700 Paul Koretz Officeholder\$700			
\$ 700	Building Owners & Managers Assn	Employer	Paul Koretz Officeholder\$700			
\$ 700	Urban Solutions, LLC	Firm*	Councilmember Curren Price Officeholder Account\$700			

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H. Public Access

Detailed information about lobbying entities and their clients is available on the lobbying page of the Ethics Commission's web site, at ethics.lacity.org/lobby/lobby.cfm. Our electronic filing system is instantly updated when a registration occurs or a quarterly report is filed. Registration statements and quarterly reports may be viewed online, and the public can also conduct queries to retrieve specific information about lobbying entities and their activities.

This and other quarterly summaries are available on the Ethics Commission's lobbying page. The most recent quarterly summary is also available on the home page.

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