# Item 13 Information

Quarterly Lobbying Report

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

**Recommended Action:** This item is for informational purposes only.

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# Lobbying Report: 3rd 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 third 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 threemonth 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 threemonth 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. <u>Registration and Reporting</u>

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. Third Quarter Compliance

In the third quarter of 2015, there were 416 registered lobbyists and 127 registered lobbying firms, including 54 sole proprietorships. In addition, there were 81 lobbyist employers.

These 624 lobbying entities were required to file 570 disclosure reports for the third quarter (the 54 sole proprietor lobbyists were required to file a lobbying firm report but not a lobbyist report). A total of 568 reports (99.7 percent) were filed on time. Two sole proprietor lobbyists paid \$100 in penalties resulting from filing reports after the deadline.

### 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 \$12,895,413 in payments from clients was reported by all lobbying firms for the third 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 \$300,000 from clients in the third quarter. Together, the ten firms reported receiving a total of \$6,049,950, which represents 46.9 percent of all payments from clients reported by all lobbying firms for the third quarter of 2015.

TOP 10 HIGHEST PAID LOBBYING FIRMS Based on Payments Received From Clients in 2015 Q3						
Rank & Payments	Firm & Clients					
1) \$1,100,423	Englander Knabe and All	en				
	<ul> <li>300 South Robertson LLC</li> <li>4G Wireless, Inc.</li> <li>Accela, Inc.</li> <li>American Golf</li> <li>Corporation</li> <li>Anthem, Inc.</li> <li>Applications Software</li> <li>Technology Corp</li> <li>AST</li> <li>Art of Living Foundation</li> <li>USA</li> <li>AT&amp;T Enterprise Services <ul> <li>(AT &amp; T and its</li> <li>affiliates)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Avaya</li> <li>BNSF Railway Company</li> <li>Boingo Wireless, Inc.</li> <li>Brosamer and Wall, Inc.</li> <li>California Independent</li> <li>Petroleum Association</li> <li>- CIPA</li> <li>California Retailers</li> <li>Association</li> <li>CALTROP</li> <li>City of Ontario</li> <li>Clay Lacy Aviation</li> <li>Coca Cola Bottling USA</li> <li>Crews of California, Inc.</li> </ul>	Downtown Center Studios Elections Systems & Software LLC Enterprise Rent-A-Car Company of Los Angeles Envista Corporation Fisch Properties LP Gavin de Becker & Associates, Inc. Greater California Livery Association HNTB Corporation IMPEX Technologies, Inc. Independent Taxi Company Itron, Inc. Jordan Downs Community Partners, LLC LA Checker Cab Cooperative, Inc. Mia Lehrer & Associates Motorola, Inc. MWest Holdings Official Police Garage Assn of LA OmniEarth Onni Contracting (CA) Inc. OUE USA Services Corp. Pacific 9	Presence Technologies, LLC Pulice Construction Renovate America, Inc. Residential Neighbors of Archer Seaview Investors, LLC Selan Law Firm on behalf of California C & C Coalition SMG Sodexo America, LLC Standard Parking State Partners LLC on behalf of EMC System Development Integration LLC Total Transportation Services, Inc TTSI TRC Solutions, Inc. United Taxi US Metro Group, Inc. Waste Management Inc. Westfield Airports, LLC William Blair Xerox Business Services, LLC and its Affiliates			

	TOP 10 HIGHEST PAID LOBBYING FIRMS (cont'd) Based on Payments Received From Clients in 2015 Q2					
Rank & Payments	Firm & Clients					
2) \$1,012,800	Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac LLP					
	1255 Angelo Properties, LLC 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 Aragon Associated Estates Bension, Marc Biergarten, LLC BLDG Partners 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 Crown Acquisitions, Inc. Din/Cal 2, Inc. Douglas Emmett Faring Capital, LLC Fifield Companies Frost/Chaddock Developers, LLC Genton Property Group Greystar Hamtramck LLC dba Gjusta Hawkins Way Capital, LLC IMT Capital LLC IMT Capital LLC Innovative Dining Group Irvine Riverside W, LLC iStar Financial Joan's on Third Katzenbach, Rick KB Home KOR Group Land Sea Air Leasing, Corp. LeFrak 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 Silver Lake Pinnacle LLC Sonnenblick, Robert Spectrum Group Real Estate Stephen Wise Temple SunCal Terra River LLC The Buckley School The Hanover Company The Macerich Company The Macerich 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			

	TOP 10 HIGHEST PAID LOBBYING FIRMS (cont'd) Based on Payments Received From Clients in 2015 Q3					
Rank & Payments	Eirm X. Clients					
3) \$787,417	Craig Lawson & Co., LLC	<b>C</b>				
	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 Deep Green Housing DHG Family Trust Dynamic Development Co. Edge Architecture Equity Residential Fay Avenue Art District Dwellings LLC Gehry Partners LP	GPI Companies Greenland US Holding Co. Habita Arts District LLC Harold Richards LLC Holland Partners Hollywood Forever Inc. Hudson Pacific Jade Enterprises Jamison Properties LP Jewish Family Service Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Inc. LaTerra Development LB Property Management Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles Lowe Enterprises M West Holdings Maple Multi-Family Land CA Marina Pacific Hotel & Suites LLC Markwood Enterprises McCadden Plaza L.P. McCormack Baron Salazar McGregor Brown Co. MGS Equities	Monteverdi LLC c/o Paratus Group Onni Contracting Overland Realty Partners LLC Palisades Capital Partners LLC PATH Ventures R.D. Olson Development Rodeo Properties LLC RREEF America LLC Sandstone Properties Shammas Realty LLC 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 Q3					
Rank & Payments	Firm & Clients					
4) \$565,543	Liner LLP					
	<ul> <li>809 S. Flower LLC</li> <li>Atlas Capital Group, LLC</li> <li>Champion Real Estate Company</li> <li>CRE-HAR SoCal Lot JV, LLC/So Cal North Serrano SPV I, LLC</li> <li>Crossroads Associates LLC</li> <li>Harridge Development Group, LLC</li> <li>Jia Yuan USA Co., Inc.</li> </ul>	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 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 Sasu, LLC Shappell Liberty Investment Properties, LLC So Cal North Serrano SPV I, LLC Tatsu Ramen LLC Vintage Westwood LLC			
5) \$518,999	Jeffer Mangels Butler &	Mitchell LLP				
	<ul> <li>11906 San Vicente, LLC</li> <li>2251 Skycribs LLC; Matthew Elliott Green</li> <li>248 Haynes Associates LLC</li> <li>901 Strada LLC, Mohamed Hadid</li> <li>Action Investment Group, Inc.</li> <li>Amalgamated Bank</li> <li>ASB Watermarke Owner, LLC</li> <li>Badger, Stephen</li> <li>BIMHF, LLC</li> <li>Bisbal, Jorge</li> <li>Bordan Shoe Company</li> <li>Bright, Lilly and Evan Cole</li> <li>Bright and Sara Townsend Bright Trust, Sara</li> <li>Bulwer Drive, LLC/Midwest First Financial, Inc.</li> </ul>	Chasin, David Cummins, Philip D'Angelo, Greg and Dianne Coates Dreyer, Jerrold Edelson, Steven Empire USA, Inc. 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	Kottler, Don and Marlene Kozar, Menashe L&B CIP South Bay Industrial LLC Lavi, Simon Legado Companies Montana Bundy LLC New West Charter School Palisades Drive LP Park Bel Air Holdings 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			

	TOP 10 HIGHEST PAID LOBBYING FIRMS (cont'd) Based on Payments Received From Clients in 2015 Q3						
Rank & Payments	Firm & Clients						
6) \$507,212	Kindel Gagan	CAST Dool Estato Holdings	National Dromotions 8				
	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	National Promotions & Advertising, Inc. Oracle America, Inc. Oremor Management & Investment Co. Palisades Capital Partners 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 Trammell Crow Residential Transdev North America, Inc. United Airlines				
7) \$504,185	Ek & Ek						
	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. Trammell Crow Company Valero Inc Walmart Warren E&P Inc. Waste Connections Yellow Cab				

	TOP 10 HIGHEST PAID LOBBYING FIRMS (cont'd) Based on Payments Received From Clients in 2015 Q3					
Rank & Payments	Firm & Clients					
8) \$390,130	Ek & Sunkin					
	BIO BreitBurn Management Company Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas Harvard Westlake School	National Association of Theater	Pacific Maritime Association Paramount Contractors Primestor Development, Inc. Spectrum Group Real Estate Tammell Crow Tribune Real Estate Holdings			
9) \$339,012	Glaser, Weil, Fink, Howard, Avchen & Shapiro, LLP					
	1045 Olive 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	J Hooman Automotive Group JDR Holdings 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 Paramount Contractors & Developers	The Management Group Urban Blox Venice Windward LLC Vopak Terminal Los Angeles, Inc. West 7th Street Property LLC			

	TOP 10 HIGHEST PAID LOBBYING FIRMS (cont'd) Based on Payments Received From Clients in 2015 Q3					
Rank & Payments	Firm & Clients					
10) \$324,229	Latham & Watkins LLP					
	512 Perugia Way, LLC	DCOR, LLC	LAFC Sports, LLC			
	5929 Sunset	Forest Lawn Memorial Park	Live Nation, Inc.			
	(Hollywood), LLC and	Assn	McCourt Partners LLC			
	CIM Group, LP	Formosa Group, LLC	Mill Creek Residential			
	6104 Hollywood, LLC	GH Palmer Assoc	NBCUniversal Media, LLC			
	A & M PROPERTIES	(Palmer/Flower Street	Norman Cienega Property			
	AmazonFresh, LLC	Properties, LP)	Group LLC			
	Apartment Investments	Grand Avenue L.A., LLC (The	Pacific Maritime Association			
	& Management	Related Companies)	Paramount Studios			
	Company ("AIMCO")	Honeywell International, Inc.	SM 10000 Property, LLC			
	Archer School for Girls	Industrial Bank of Korea	St Matthews Parish School			
	Cambra Realty	Iron Mountain Incorporated	The Buckley School			
	CH Palladium, LLC	JMB Realty Corporation (AKA:	Tribune Media Company			
	Clear Channel Outdoor	AP Properties)	Westfield, LLC			
	Crescent Heights	Karsh, Bruce & Martha	Wilshire Gayley, LLC			

# E. Top 10 Highest Paying Clients

In the third quarter of 2015, there were 1,439 registered clients of lobbying entities. Lobbying firms are required to disclose the payments they receive from their clients and the projects associated with those payments. The clients that lobbying firms reported as having paid the most for lobbying services in the third quarter of 2015 are identified in the following table. Payments from clients with similar names and projects are aggregated as noted in the table.

Each of the top ten highest paying clients spent at least \$110,000 during the quarter. Combined, their payments totaled \$1,745,374 or 13.5 percent of the \$12,895,413 total reported payments from clients.

	TOP 10 HIGHEST PAYING CLIENTS Based on Aggregated Client Payments Reported in 2015 Q3					
	Client	Total Payments Reported	Detail of	Total Paym	ents	Agencies Lobbied
	Chent	From Client	Lobbying Firm	Payment	Project	
1.	Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences	\$407,657	Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac LLP	\$372,178	Museum Project	City Attorney, Building and Safety, Planning
			Marathon Communications Inc	\$35,479	Academy Museum addition on Wilshire Blvd./ Hollywood	Mayor, City Council, Planning
2.	Jia Yuan USA Co., Inc.	\$204,818	Jeffer Mangels Butler& Mitchell LLP	\$73,523	Project at 1020 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CA	City Council, Planning
			Liner LLP	\$131,175	Luxe Hotel/Los Angeles	Mayor, City Attorney, City Council, Building and Safety, Planning
			Psomas	\$120	Support of Subdivision Map Application/Luxe Hotel	Planning
3.	Lincoln Property Company (and Lincoln Property Company (LPC) West, LLC)	\$178,974	Alpert Barr & Grant, A Professional Law Corporation	\$90,000	Playa Runway	LADWP
	(2. 2)		Alpert Barr & Grant, A Professional Law Corporation	\$55,425	Project Development Assistance for Desmond Venture	Building and Safety, LADWP
			JK Land Use Consulting	\$32,324	Runway – Stage I & II/Playa Vista	Building and Safety, LAFD, Planning, Engineering, Sanitation, LADOT, LADWP
			JK Land Use Consulting	\$1,225	Shared Roadway/ Playa Vista	Building and Safety, LADWP

	TOP 10 HIGHEST PAYING CLIENTS (cont'd) Based on Aggregated Client Payments Reported in 2015 Q3					
	Client	Total Payments Reported	nts Detail of Total Payments Agencie		Agencies	
	Chefit	From Client	Lobbying Firm	Payment	Project	Lobbied
4.	CIM Group (and 5929 Sunset (Hollywood), LLC and CIM Group, LP)	\$169,576	Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac LLP	\$6,982	Farmers Insurance Campus	City Council, Neighborhood Councils, Planning
			Craig Lawson & Co., LLC	\$19,541	Sunset & Gordon/Hollywood	City Attorney, City Council, Building and Safety, Neighborhood Councils, Planning
			Craig Lawson & Co., LLC	\$17,650	Mixed Use Project/Downtown Los Angeles	City Council, Building and Safety, Planning, Engineering
			Gonzalez Law Group	\$31,634	Park Mile/Farmers Campus	Mayor, City Attorney, City Council, Building and Safety, Neighborhood Councils, Planning, LADOT
			Gonzalez Law Group	\$25,138	Hollywood Cherokee Hotel/5627 Hollywood Blvd	Mayor, Ĉity Council, Neighborhood Councils, Planning,
			Gonzalez Law Group	\$7,488	West LA project/11800 Santa Monica	City Council, Neighborhood Councils, Planning
			Latham & Watkins LLP	\$17,836	Land use and transportation matters re: Sunset and Gordon. Mixed-use Project/5929-5945 W. Sunset Boulevard (EIR SCH 2006111135)	Mayor, City Attorney, City Council, Planning, Rec & Parks
			MAX DEVELOPMENT LLC da three6ixty	\$24,793	609 Dillon	None reported.
			MAX DEVELOPMENT LLC da three6ixty	\$11,014	La Tijera/La Tijera/Sepulveda Eastway	None reported.
			MAX DEVELOPMENT LLC da three6ixty	\$7,500	Wilshire/Federal	None reported.

	TOP 10 HIGHEST PAYING CLIENTS (cont'd) Based on Aggregated Client Payments Reported in 2015 Q3					
	Client	Total Payments Reported	Detail of	Detail of Total Payments		
	Chem	From Client	Lobbying Firm	Payment	Project	Lobbied
5.	Carl Shafer	\$150,000	John A. Henning, Jr., Attorney at Law	\$150,000	Conditional Use Permit for commercial parking lot/3984 S. Meier Street [ZA# 2014-2119-CU]	None reported.
6.	Regency Outdoor Advertising, Inc.	\$140,226	Ek & Ek	\$60,000	Airport Contracting Issues	City Council; LAWA
			Manatt Phelps & Phillips LLP	.\$26,226	Assist with City signage ordinances and obtain entitlements for new signage	Mayor, City Attorney, City Council, LAWA, Building and Safety, Planning, Board of Public Works, Street Services
			Molina Consulting	\$24,000	Advertising	None reported.
			Sage Strategies, LLC	\$30,000	Legislative Lobbying	None reported.
7.	Champion Real Estate Company	\$135,888	Liner LLP	\$135,888	Highland Selma Venture [CPC# 2011-2157-ZV- SPR], Hollywood Cherokee Apartments, Yucca Argyle	City Council, Building and Safety, Planning

	TOP 10 HIGHEST PAYING CLIENTS (cont'd) Based on Aggregated Client Payments Reported in 2015 Q3					
Olient	Total Payments	Detail of	Total Paym	ents	Agencies	
Client	Reported From Client	Lobbying Firm	Payment	Project	Lobbied	
8. Greenland US Holding, Inc. (and Greenland US Consulting, Inc. and Greenland LA Metropolis Development II LLC)	\$133,543	Craig Lawson & Co., LLC	\$80,587	Metropolis/8th & Francisco, Downtown LA	Mayor, City Council, Building and Safety, Neighborhood Councils, Planning	
		Craig Lawson & Co., LLC	\$21,101	SUD for Signage – Metropolis Project/ Downtown LA	Mayor, City Council, Building and Safety, Planning	
		DLA Piper LLP (US)	\$23,940	Purchase of Metropolis	Mayor, City Council, Building and Safety, Planning	
		Gonzalez, Quintana & Hunter, LLC	\$2,700	Planning Processes/City of Los Angeles	Mayor, City Council	
		Psomas	\$5,215	Metropolis Phase 2 Final Map Tract 66352	Planning	
9. Holland Partners	\$114,338	Craig Lawson & Co., LLC	\$16,315	Development Project/7th & Spring	City Council, Building and Safety, Planning	
		Craig Lawson & Co., LLC	\$10,493	Mixed Use Project /9th & Figueroa	City Council, Building and Safety, Neighborhood Councils, Planning	
		Craig Lawson & Co., LLC	\$6,749	Development Project /Bixel & Lucas	City Council, Building and Safety, Planning	
		Craig Lawson & Co., LLC	\$6,555	Development Project/8th & Spring	City Council, Building and Safety, Planning	
		Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP	.\$74,276	8th & Spring, 9th & Figueroa	None reported.	

TOP 10 HIGHEST PAYING CLIENTS (cont'd) Based on Aggregated Client Payments Reported in 2015 Q3					
Client Total Payments Detail of Total Payments				Agencies	
onent	From Client	Lobbying Firm	Payment	Project	Lobbied
10. Ronald A. Simms Commercial Development and Montel Associates LP	\$110,304	Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP	\$110,304	Entitlements for mixed use project/10925 Lindbrook/1140 S.Gayley.	City Council, Building and Safety, Planning

### G. Fundraisers

Lobbying entities are required to disclose the fundraising they engage in for elected City officials, candidates, and committees. Of the 624 third-quarter lobbying entities, 16 (2.6 percent) reported fundraising activity, which totaled \$110,900. A breakdown of the third-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 Q3							
_	Rank & Total Raised	Name of Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipients				
1)	\$15,000	Aristos Strategy, LLC	Firm*	Garcetti for Mayor 2017 \$15,000				
2)	\$12,600	Veronica Perez & Associates	Firm	David Ryu for City Council 2015 Officeholder \$6,600 Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015 Officeholder \$6,000				
3)	\$11,750	Courtney Chesla Torres	Firm*	Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015\$6,000 David Ryu for City Council 2015-General\$5,750				
4)	\$10,950	Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP	Firm	Huizar Officeholder Account\$10,950				
5)	\$9,500	Edgar Khalatian	Lobbyist	Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015 \$9,500				
6)	\$9,500	Mayer Brown, LLP	Firm	Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015 \$9,500				
7)	\$9,500	Spencer Kallick	Lobbyist	Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015 \$9,500				
8)	\$9,300	M Advisors, LLC	Firm	Felipe Fuentes for City Council 2013\$6,300 Krekorian for City Council 2009 Officeholder\$3,000				
9)	\$6,000	Jimmy Blackman & Associates	Firm*	Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015\$3,000 Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015 Officeholder\$3,000				
10)	\$3,600	Englander Knabe and Allen	Firm	Mitchell Englander for Supervisor 2016\$1,500 Krekorian for City Council 2009\$2,100				
11)	\$2,800	Sage Strategies, LLC	Firm*	Felipe Fuentes for City Council 2013 Officeholder Account\$2,800				

FUNDRAISERS 2015 Q3 (cont'd)							
Rank & Total Raised	Name of Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipients				
12) \$2,800	The Santa Maria Group	Firm*	Felipe Fuentes for City Council 2013 Officeholder Account\$2,800				
13) \$2,600	Glaser, Weil, Fink, Howard, Avchen & Shapiro, LLP	Firm	Krekorian for City Council 2009\$2,600				
14) \$1,500	Harvey A. Englander	Lobbyist	Mitchell Englander for Supervisor 2016\$1,500				
15) \$1,400	David Herbst	Lobbyist	Ron Galperin For City Controller 2017\$1,400				
16) \$1,400	Jeffrey Mc Connell	Lobbyist	Krekorian for City Council 2009 Officeholder \$1,400				
17) \$700	Marcus Allen	Lobbyist	Krekorian for City Council 2009 Officeholder \$700				

\*Sole proprietor

#### H. 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, one lobbyist employer disclosed making \$2,100 in contributions to City officeholders during the third quarter.

	MADE CONTRIBUTIONS 2015 Q3					
Total Made	Name of Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipients			
\$ 2,100	Building Industry Association – Los Angeles/Ventura Chapter	Employer	Friends of Eric Garcetti Officeholder\$1,400 Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015 Officeholder\$700			

Also during the reporting period, seven lobbying entities (three lobbyists and four lobbying firms) reported delivering a combined \$19,230 in contributions.

DELIVERED CONTRIBUTIONS 2015 Q3							
Total Delivered	Name of Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipients				
\$ 10,950	Benjamin M. Reznik	Lobbyist	Huizar Officeholder Account\$10,950				
\$ 5,050	Kindel Gagan	Firm	Krekorian for City Council 2009 Officeholder \$2,100Felipe Fuentes for City Council 2013Officeholder Account				
\$ 1,050	Afriat Consulting Group	Firm	Felipe Fuentes for City Council 2013 Officeholder Account\$1,050				
\$ 700	Marcus Allen	Lobbyist	Krekorian for City Council 2009 Officeholder \$700				
\$ 700	Englander Knabe and Allen	Firm	Krekorian for City Council 2009\$700				
\$ 390	Ken Spiker and Associates	Firm	David Ryu for City Council 2015-General\$390				
\$ 390	Gregory Spiker	Lobbyist	David Ryu for City Council 2015-General\$390				

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