# 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 fourth quarter of 2015.

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

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### Lobbying Report: 4th 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 fourth quarter of 2015.

#### B. Legal Background

#### 1. Definitions

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. Fourth Quarter Compliance

In the fourth quarter of 2015, there were 413 registered lobbyists and 132 registered lobbying firms, including 56 sole proprietorships. In addition, there were 80 lobbyist employers.

These 625 lobbying entities were required to file 569 disclosure reports for the fourth quarter (the 56 sole proprietor lobbyists were required to file a lobbying firm report but not a lobbyist report). A total of 568 reports (99.8 percent) were filed on time. A sole proprietor lobbyist paid \$100 in penalties resulting from filing his report past the deadline. The tables in this report detail and summarize the information that was disclosed through those reports.

#### 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 \$14,049,045 in payments from clients was reported by all lobbying firms for the fourth 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 \$350,000 from clients in the fourth quarter. Together, the ten firms reported receiving a total of \$6,727,769, which represents 47.9 percent of all payments from clients reported by all lobbying firms for the fourth quarter of 2015.

		EST PAID LOBBYING FIRM rments Reported as Received In 2015		
Rank & Payments	Firm & Clients			
1. \$1,125,448	Englander Knabe and A	llen		
	300 South Robertson LLC 4G Wireless, Inc. Accela, Inc. American Golf Corporation Anthem, Inc. Applications Software Technology Corp AST Art of Living Foundation USA AT&T Enterprise Services (AT & T and its affiliates) Avaya Bel Air Cliff Property Holding Inc. Beverly Hills Greater Los Angeles Association of Realtors BNSF Railway Company Boingo Wireless, Inc. Brosamer and Wall, Inc. California Independent Petroleum Association - CIPA California Retailers Association	Association HNTB Corporation IMPEX Technologies, Inc. Independent Taxi Company	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 Client Payments Reported as Received In 2015 Q4					
Rank & Payments	Firm & Clients					
2. \$1,057,956	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 Estate Four Harridge Development Group, LLC Jia Yuan USA Co., Inc.	Larchmont Village Partners One LLC Laurus Corporation Lennar Lindy Trust and Margaret L. Blume Trust Los Angeles Streetcar, Inc. Lowe Enterprises Inc. Maple Multi-Family Land CA, L.P. 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 Sasu, LLC Shappell Liberty Investment Properties, LLC So Cal North Serrano SPV I, LLC Tatsu Ramen LLC Vintage Westwood LLC			

		PAID LOBBYING FIRMS yments Reported as Received In 20			
Rank & Payments	Firm & Clients				
3. \$1,027,894	Amrbruster 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 Barnard Construction Company 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	Costco Wholesale Crest Real Estate Crown Acquisitions, Inc. Din/Cal 2, Inc. Douglas Emmett Equity Residential Faring Capital, LLC Fifield Companies Frost/Chaddock Developers, LLC Genton Property Group Greystar Hamtramck LLC dba Gjusta Hawkins Way 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 Lowe Enterprises Real Estate Group M David Paul MacFarlane Partners Marlborough School	MGA North LLC Milken Community Schools Next Century Associates, LLC Oceanwide Plaza 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 Mirman School The Moss Group The Walt Disney Company 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 Client Payments Reported as Received In 2015 Q4					
Rank & Payments	Firm & Clients					
4. \$689,235	Craig Lawson & Co., LLC	;				
	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 Mitsui Fudosan America Monteverdi LLC c/o Paratus Group Museum Associates	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 Think Tank Gallery 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 Cleint Payments Reported as Received In 2015 Q4					
Rank & Payments	Firm & Clients					
5. \$620,720	Jeffer Mangels Butler &	Mitchell LLP				
	11906 San Vicente, LLC 1410 Tanager, LLC 2251 Skycribs LLC;   Matthew Elliott Green 248 Haynes Associates   LLC 901 Strada LLC,   Mohamed Hadid 907 Shenandoah   Investment LLC Action Investment   Group, Inc. Amalgamated Bank Arya ASB Watermarke Owner,   LLC Badger, Stephen BIMHF, LLC Bisbal, Jorge Bordan Shoe Company Bright, Lilly and Evan   Cole Bright and Sara   Townsend Bright   Trust, Sara Bulwer Drive,   LLC/Midwest First   Financial, Inc. Chasin, David	Cummins, Philip D'Angelo, Greg and Dianne Coates Dreyer, Jerrold Edelson, Steven Empire USA, Inc. Essex Property Trust FBO investments VNY, LLC Fisch Properties LP 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 Ingrate LLC Injae, LLC Jin Yuan USA Co., Inc. Judaken, Len Kellal Israel Synagogue Kosher Foods Unlimited, Inc. dba GotKosher Kottler, Don and Marlene Kozar, Menashe L&B CIP South Bay Industrial LLC	Shapiro, Joel and, Joel J. Shapiro Intervivos Trust Snyder Family Trust Tischer and 1100 Wilshire Garage LLC, Adam Tower Lane Properties, Inc. Weinstock, Brad and Damon Porter Westside Investments Properties Ziman and 416 Grand Blvd.			

	TOP 10 HIGHEST PAID LOBBYING FIRMS (cont'd)  Based on Cleint Payments Reported as Received In 2015 Q4					
	nk & /ments	Firm & Clients				
6.	\$546,589	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		
7.	\$500,340	Afriat Consulting Group	Inc			
1 1 5 4 E		1045 Olive, LLC 1550 North Gower Street, LLC 512 Perugia Way, LLC 5750 Hollywood Blvd., LLC ACE of California Browning-Ferris Industries of California, Inc. Century City Realty, LLC CH Palladium, LLC	Consolidated Disposal Service, L.L.C. Franklin, Jeff Friends of West Los Angeles Hadar, Lorenzo iHeartMedia, Inc., Clear Channel Outdoor, and Affiliated Entities Karsh, Bruce & Martha Maximus Inc Modern Vintage Partners, LLC Norman Cienega Property Group, LLC	P K Equities, Inc. Philena Properties, L.P. Richmond American Homes SM 10000 Property, LLC SPB Partners, LLC Sportsmen's Lodge REW, LLC Sweetzer Square Investment Company United Civil, Inc. VTA, Ltd. WERWER One Thousand, LLC Westside Coalition, Inc. Westside Housing, LLC		

	TOP 10 HIGHEST PAID LOBBYING FIRMS (cont'd)  Based on Client Payments Reported as Received In 2015 Q4					
Rank Paym		Firm & Clients				
8. \$4	431,707	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 Arts District Development, LLC 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 &	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 The William Warren Group Trammell Crow Residential Transdev North America, Inc. United Airlines		
9. \$364,340		Glaser, Weil, Fink, Howa  1045 Olive Bauer's Intelligent Transportation Bill, Tony BLDG Partners LLC Blue Shield of California Brookfield Office Properties C&C Partners Design/Build Firm Inc. Century City Realty, LLC Chen, Kevin Compton and Simpson LLC Floor and Decor Franklin, Jeff Goldstein Planting Partners, LLC	Advertising, Inc.  rd, Avchen & Shapiro, LLP  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 Paris West	SA Recycling Snapchat, Inc. Soleimani, Ben SP Plus Municipal Services Summit Media SunCal Companies , Sunset Equity Partners The Management Group The Taubman Company Urban Blox Venice Windward LLC Vopak Terminal Los Angeles, Inc. West 7th Street Property LLC Wildwood School Xyvest Holdings Inc.		

	TOP 10 HIGHEST PAID LOBBYING FIRMS (cont'd)  Based on Client Payments Reported as Received In 2015 Q4					
Rank & Payments	Firm & Clients					
10. \$363,540	Arnie Berghoff & Associ	ates				
	Affirmed Housing Group Airbnb American Medical Response of So. California (AMR) Athens Services Barren Ridge 1 (Recurrent Energy) Cisco Systems Inc City Market of Los Angeeles 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 Mitsubishi Hitachi Power Systems Americas, Inc. National Strategies, LLC on behalf of OHL USA, Inc. National Strategies, LLC on behalf of TASER International, Inc. Niche Technology US, Inc. Oracle America, Inc.	Pershing Square Renew SADA Systems SERCO, Inc. Sonnenblick Development LLC Sterling Solar LLC The Los Angeles Coalition for the Economy and Jobs (The LA Coalition) 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 fourth quarter of 2015, there were 1,519 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 fourth 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 \$90,000 during the quarter. Combined, their payments totaled \$1,666,652 or 11.9 percent of the \$14,049,045 total reported payments from clients.

	TOP 10 HIGHEST PAYING CLIENTS  Based on Aggregated Client Payments Reported for 2015 Q4					
	Client	Total Payments Reported	Detail of	Total Paym	ents	Agencies
	Glient	From Client	Lobbying Firm	Payment	Project	Lobbied
1.	Atlas Capital Group	\$362,629	Liner LLP	\$287,668	Alameda Square/Los Angeles	Mayor, City Council, Building and Safety, LAFD, Planning, LAPD, Engineering, LADWP
				\$54,336	Chinatown/120- 129 W. College Street	Mayor, City Council, Building and Safety, Planning, Engineering
			129 W. C   Street	712 S. Olive	City Council, Building and Safety, Planning	
				\$1,002	_	Building and Safety
2.	CH Palladium, LLC	\$288,770	Afriat Consulting Group	\$269,687	Assist client with issues regarding the property known as the Hollywood Palladium/6215 Sunset Blvd.	Mayor, City Council, Neighborhood Councils, Planning
			Latham & Watkins LLP	\$19,083	General Land Use & Transportation Matters/6201 Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood	Neighborhood Councils, Planning
3.	Champion Real Estate Company	\$160,126	Liner LLP	\$67,250	Highland Selma Venture [CPC2011-2157- ZV-SPR]	City Council, Building and Safety, LAFD, Planning, Engineering, LADWP
				\$67,025	Yucca Argyle	City Council, Building and Safety, LAFD, Planning
				\$24,048	General	Mayor, City Council, Building and Safety, Planning, LADWP
				\$1,803	Hollywood Cherokee Apartments	City Council, Building and Safety, LAFD, Planning
4.	AEG	\$147,437	Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac LLP	\$66,670	JW Marriott Expansion	City Council, Cultural Affairs, Planning, Engineering
				\$20,767	LA Live	City Attorney, City Council, Building and Safety, Neighborhood Councils, Planning
			M Advisors LLC	\$60,000	Operation & development of projects related to LA facilities including LA LIVE, Greek Theater RFP.	City Attorney, City Council, Convention Center, Planning, Rec & Parks

		Based on	HIGHEST PAYING Aggregated Client Paymen	ts Reported F	or 2015 Q4	
	Total Payments Client Reported		Detail of Total Payments			Agencies
	Olletit	From Client	Lobbying Firm	Payment	Project	Lobbied
5.	Holland Partners (and Holland Partner Group)	\$135,866	Loeb & Loeb	\$61,831	Apex II	City Council, Planning
	,,			\$29,028	6 <sup>th</sup> and Bixel	City Attorney, City Council, Planning
			Craig Lawson & Co, LLC	\$21,890	Mixed Use Project/ 9th & Figueroa	City Attorney, City Council, Building and Safety, Neighborhood Councils, Planning, Engineering
				\$7,277	Development Project/8th & Spring	City Council, Building and Safety, Planning
				\$7,075	Development Project/7th & Spring	City Council, Building and Safety, Planning  Building and Safety,
				Development Project /Bixel & Lucas	Building and Safety, Planning	
			Urban Solutions, LLC	\$3,500	Apex - Tower Two/Ninth & Figueroa.	City Council
6.	Hudson Capital LLC (and Hudson Pacific)	Hudson	Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP	\$130,268	Land use entitlements related to 5901 Sunset [CPC# 2013-2812-CU- SPR]	Planning
			Craig Lawson & Co, LLC	\$3,842	CUP for Restaurant/ Downtown Los Angeles	City Council, Building and Safety, Planning, LAPD
Clear Ch Outdoor,	iHeartMedia, Inc., Clear Channel Outdoor, and Affiliated Entities	\$120,219	David Gershwin Consulting	\$45,000	Outdoor Advertising Issues/City of Los Angeles [FILE11- 1705]	Neighborhood Councils
			Afriat Consulting Group Inc.	\$38,220	Assist with securing permits and other issues regarding outdoor advertising/Various locations.	City Council, Building and Safety
			Urban Solutions, LLC	\$36,999	Digital Signage. [CF12-1611]	City Council

	TOP 10 HIGHEST PAYING CLIENTS (cont'd)  Based on Aggregated Client Payments Reported For 2015 Q4					
	Client	Total Payments	Detail of	Total Paym	ents	Agencies
	Chefit	Reported From Client	Lobbying Firm	Payment	Project	Lobbied
8.	Regency Outdoor Advertising, Inc.	\$118,799	Manatt Phelps & Phillips LLP	\$50,799	Assist with City signage ordinances and obtain entitlements for new signage.	Mayor, City Attorney, City Council, LAWA, Building and Safety, Planning, Public Works Board, Street Services.
			Ek & Ek	\$30,000	Airport Contracting Issues.	LAWA
			Sage Strategies, LLC	\$30,000	Billboard issues.	No agencies lobbied.
			Molina Consulting	\$8,000	Advertising.	City Council
9.	Larchmont Village Partners One LLC	\$104,020	Liner LLP	\$104,020	Larchmont Village/107 No. Larchmont	City Council, Building and Safety, Planning
10.	Townscape Partners	\$94,676	Paul Hastings	\$61,493	Case No CPC- 2013-2551-CUB- ZV-DB-SPR/8150 Sunset Boulevard	Planning
			Marathon Communications	\$33,183	8150 Sunset Blvd./SW corner of Sunset & Crescent Heights	Mayor, Office of, City Council

#### **G.** Fundraisers

Lobbying entities are required to disclose the fundraising they engage in for elected City officials, candidates, and committees. Of the 625 fourth-quarter lobbying entities, 24 (3.8 percent) reported fundraising activity, which totaled \$272,175. A breakdown of the fourth-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 Q4					
R	Rank & Total Raised	Name of Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipients		
1.	\$38,800	Veronica Perez & Associates	Firm	Nury Martinez for City Council 2013  Officeholder Account		
2.	\$36,100	Courtney Chesla Torres	Firm*	Nury Martinez for City Council 2013  Officeholder Account		

	FUNDRAISERS 2015 Q4 (cont'd)				
Ra	ank & Total Raised	Name of Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipients	
3.	\$24,700	Strategic Government Affairs	Firm*	Mike Bonin for City Council 2017	
4.	\$23,998	Englander Knabe and Allen	Firm	Bob Blumenfield For City Council 2017\$4,200 Mike Bonin for City Council 2017\$4,200 David Ryu for City Council 2015 Officeholder\$3,850 Curren Price, Jr. for City Council 2017\$3,748 Ron Galperin For City Controller 2017\$2,700 Mitchell Englander for Supervisor 2016\$2,500 Friends of Eric Garcetti Officeholder\$1,400 Joe Buscaino for City Council 2017\$700 Nury Martinez for City Council 2013\$700	
5.	\$16,800	Kindel Gagan	Firm	Mitch O'Farrell for City Council 2017\$9,100 Bob Blumenfield For City Council 2017\$7,700	
6.	\$15,000	Urban Solutions, LLC	Firm*	Cedillo for City Council 2017\$10,000 Huizar Officeholder Account\$5,000	
7.	\$12,900	David Herbst	Lobbyist	Mitchell Englander for Supervisor 2016	
8.	\$10,000	The Santa Maria Group	Firm*	David Ryu for City Council 2015-General \$5,000 Mitch O'Farrell for City Council 2017 \$5,000	
9.	\$8,948	Jeffrey McConnell	Lobbyist	Mike Bonin for City Council 2017	
10.	\$8,685	Rosenheim & Associates, Inc.	Firm	Bob Blumenfield For City Council 2017\$8,685	
11.	\$8,400	Sage Strategies, LLC	Firm*	Mitch O'Farrell for City Council 2017\$4,900 David Ryu for City Council 2015-General\$3,500	
12.	\$8,044	Afriat Consulting Group Inc	Firm	Mike Bonin for City Council 2017\$5,555 Curren Price, Jr. for City Council 2017\$1,400 Krekorian for City Council 2009 Officeholder\$1,089	
13.	\$7,400	Arnie Berghoff & Associates	Firm	Bob Blumenfield For City Council 2017\$2,700 Curren Price, Jr. for City Council 2017\$2,600 Nury Martinez for City Council 2013 Officeholder Account\$2,100	

	FUNDRAISERS 2015 Q4 (cont'd)				
Ra	nk & Total Raised	Name of Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipients	
14.	\$7,400	Arnie S Berghoff	Lobbyist	Bob Blumenfield For City Council 2017\$2,700 Curren Price, Jr. for City Council 2017\$2,600 Nury Martinez for City Council 2013 Officeholder Account\$2,100	
15.	\$7,400	Robin Engel	Lobbyist	Bob Blumenfield For City Council 2017\$2,700 Curren Price, Jr. for City Council 2017\$2,600 Nury Martinez for City Council 2013 Officeholder Account\$2,100	
16.	\$7,400	Kathy Irish	Lobbyist	Bob Blumenfield For City Council 2017\$2,700 Curren Price, Jr. for City Council 2017\$2,600 Nury Martinez for City Council 2013 Officeholder Account\$2,100	
17.	\$5,550	Harvey A Englander	Lobbyist	David Ryu for City Council 2015 Officeholder \$1,400 David Ryu for City Council 2015-General \$1,050 Mitchell Englander for Supervisor 2016 \$1,000 Bob Blumenfield For City Council 2017 \$700 Joe Buscaino for City Council 2017 \$700 Mike Bonin for City Council 2017 \$700	
18.	\$5,000	Jimmy Blackman & Associates	Firm	Mike Bonin for City Council 2017\$5,000	
19.	\$4,900	Glaser, Weil, Fink, Howard, Avchen & Shapiro, LLP	Firm	Bob Blumenfield For City Council 2017\$2,800  Nury Martinez for City Council 2013  Officeholder Account\$2,100	
20.	\$4,800	Marcus Allen	Lobbyist	Mitchell Englander for Supervisor 2016\$1,500 Bob Blumenfield For City Council 2017\$1,400 Curren Price, Jr. for City Council 2017\$700 Mike Bonin for City Council 2017\$700 Ron Galperin For City Controller 2017\$500	
21.	\$4,550	Manatt, Phelps & Phillips	Firm	Mike Bonin for City Council 2017\$4,550	
22.	\$4,000	Eric Rose	Lobbyist	Friends of Eric Garcetti Officeholder	
23.	\$700	Kian Kaeni	Lobbyist	Curren Price, Jr. for City Council 2017\$700	
24.	\$700	Paul A. Haney & Associates, LLC	Firm*	Bob Blumenfield For City Council 2017\$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, five lobbyist employers disclosed making \$9,700 in contributions to City officeholders during the fourth quarter.

	MADE CONTRIBUTIONS 2015 Q4			
	Rank & Total Made	Name of Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipients
1	. \$4,200	Apartment Association of Greater L.A.	Employer	Ron Galperin For City Controller 2017\$1,400 Cedillo for City Council 2017\$700 Curren Price, Jr. for City Council 2017\$700 Joe Buscaino for City Council 2017\$700 Mitch O'Farrell for City Council 2017
	s. \$2,000	Los Angeles Business Council	Employer	Bob Blumenfield for City Council 2013 – Officeholder Account
	\$1,400	Building Industry Association - Los Angeles/Ventura Chapter	Employer	Cedillo for City Council 2017\$700 Councilmember Cedillo Officeholder Account 2013\$700
2	. \$1,400	California Resources Corporation	Employer	Huizar for LA City Council 2015\$700 Mitch O'Farrell for City Council 2017\$700
5	5. \$ 700	Edison International and Affiliates	Employer	Curren Price, Jr. for City Council 2017\$700

Also during the reporting period, 14 lobbying entities (eight lobbying firms and six lobbyists) reported delivering a combined \$102,246 in contributions. These contributions are detailed in the table on the next two pages.

	DELIVERED CONTRIBUTIONS 2015 Q4			
	& Total ivered	Name of Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipients
1. \$	37,150	Kindel Gagan	Firm	David Ryu for City Council 2015-General
2. \$1	13,448	Englander Knabe and Allen	Firm	Mike Bonin for City Council 2015
3. \$	\$9,800	Afriat Consulting Group	Firm	Joe Buscaino for City Council 2017\$4,200 Ron Galperin For City Controller 2017\$3,500 Curren Price, Jr. for City Council 2017\$1,400 Cedillo for City Council 2017\$700
4. \$	\$8,500	Ek & Ek	Firm	Bob Blumenfield For City Council 2017\$4,300 Joe Buscaino for City Council 2017\$4,200
5. \$	\$7,300	Ek & Sunkin	Firm	Curren Price, Jr. for City Council 2017\$7,300
6. \$	\$5,600	John Ek	Lobbyist	Joe Buscaino for City Council 2017\$4,200 Bob Blumenfield For City Council 2017\$1,400
7. \$	\$5,448	Jeffrey McConnell	Lobbyist	David Ryu for City Council 2015 Officeholder \$1,400 Mike Bonin for City Council 2017
8. \$	\$4,900	Urban Solutions, LLC	Firm*	Joe Buscaino for City Council 2017\$2,100 Controller Ron Galperin Officeholder Account \$1,400 Ron Galperin For City Controller 2017\$1,400

	DELIVERED CONTRIBUTIONS 2015 Q4 (cont'd)			
Rank & Total Delivered		Name of Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipients
9.	\$3,300	Eric Rose	Lobbyist	Friends of Eric Garcetti Officeholder
10.	\$2,600	Marcus Allen	Lobbyist	Bob Blumenfield For City Council 2017\$700 Curren Price, Jr. for City Council 2017\$700 Mike Bonin for City Council 2017\$700 Ron Galperin For City Controller 2017\$500
11.	\$2,100	Harvey A. Englander	Lobbyist	David Ryu for City Council 2015-General\$700 Joe Buscaino for City Council 2017\$700 Mike Bonin for City Council 2017\$700
12.	\$700	Gregory Spiker	Lobbyist	Joe Buscaino for City Council 2017\$700
13.	\$700	Paul A. Haney and Associates, LLC	Firm*	Bob Blumenfield For City Council 2017\$700
14.	\$700	Ken Spiker and Assoc Inc	Firm	Joe Buscaino for City Council 2017\$700
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<sup>\*</sup>Sole proprietor

#### I. Public Access

Detailed information about lobbying entities and their clients is available on the lobbying page of the Ethics Commission's web site. 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.