# Item 8 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 2017.

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

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# Lobbying Report: 4th Quarter 2017

#### 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 2017.

### 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, regardless of title, 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 official or employee 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, 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 that receive government funding and are created to provide direct services to indigent persons. 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).

Each lobbying entity is required to file a disclosure report for every calendar quarter in which it qualifies as a lobbying entity. LAMC § 48.08(A)(1). Lobbying entities 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. Prohibited Activities

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), 49.5.8(A)-(C).

#### C. Fourth Quarter Compliance

In the fourth quarter of 2017, there were 441 registered lobbyists and 133 registered lobbying firms, including 45 sole proprietorships. In addition, there were 80 lobbyist employers.

These 654 lobbying entities were required to file 609 disclosure reports for the fourth quarter (the 45 sole-proprietor lobbyists were required to file a lobbying firm report but not a lobbyist report). A total of 605 reports (99 percent) were filed on time. Penalties totaling \$150 were paid in connection with reports filed past the January 31, 2018 deadline. The tables in this report detail and summarize information that was disclosed through all reports filed for the quarter.

#### 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 \$15,880,934 in payments from clients was reported by all lobbying firms for the fourth quarter of 2017.

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 \$460,000 from clients in the fourth quarter. Together, the ten firms reported receiving a total of \$8,065,341, which represents 50.8 percent of all payments from clients reported by all lobbying firms for the fourth quarter of 2017.

	TOP 10 HIGHEST PAID LOBBYING FIRMS  Based on Client Payments Reported as Received In 2017 Q4						
Rank & Payments	Firm & Clients						
1. \$1,430,610	DLA Piper LLP (US)						
	Ace Outdoor Advertising Arc Capital Partners LLC Atlas Capital Group, LLC Bancroft Capital Barlow Respitory Hospital Bastion Development Corporation Boulevard Nightlife Champion Real Estate Company City Century LLC City Wild Posting CityView CityView - duplicate Crescent Heights Crossroads Associates LLC CTK Ventures CV 1800 Beverly, LLC Deep Green Housing Estate Four EYP Realty Forest City Residential West, Inc. Gilmore Associates Golden Hills Greenland LA Metropolis	Development II LLC Harley Neuman (Tierra Nostra Trust) Harridge Development Group, LLC Hayato Restaurant Hudson Pacific Jade Enterprises, LLC Jamison Properties, LP Jia Yuan USA Co., Inc. Ladder Capital Finance Larchmont Village Partners One LLC Laurus Corporation Lawn School LLC Leap of Faith Partners Local Construct Los Angeles Streetcar, Inc. LOwe Enterprises Inc. LQ Management Maguire Properties - 755 S. Figueroa, LLC Manufactory LA LLC Metspresso LLC MREC HD Blake Street MREC HD Elysian Park, LLC National Electrical Contractors Association	Nationwide RP Corporation Nike, Inc. Oxford Capital Group Prime/CRDF Mission Hills,     LLC Providence Holy Cross     Medical Center Realm Group LLC Relevant Group LLC RWBP Highland, LP Ryda Ventures LLC Shappell Liberty     Investment Properties,     LLC Sietsema, Paul Skid Row Housing Trust Southern California     Ambulance Statewide Acquisitions Stiletto Flats, Inc. Trammell Crow Residential United Downtown LA LLC Urban Offerings Watermark Westwood     Village LLC Westland Partners Inc WP West Development     Enterprises				

	TOP 10 HIGHEST PAID LOBBYING FIRMS (cont'd)  Based on Client Payments Reported as Received In 2017 Q4					
Rank & Payments	Firm & Clients					
2. \$1,220,239	Englander Knabe and All					
Σ. Ψ1,220,237	5959 LLC	City of Alhambra Clark Construction Group - California, LP Clay Lacy Aviation Coca Cola Bottling USA Colman, Robert CONRAC	Motorola, Inc. Nike Official Police Garage Assn of LA OFO US Limited One Concern, Inc. Onni Contracting (CA) Inc. Orangedale MP, LP Ozone Clean Technologies, Inc. Poppy Properties, Inc. proyectosLA LLC Quick Silver Towing, Inc. Renovate America, Inc. Rose Cafe and Market, Inc. SAS Institute Inc. Seaview Investors, LLC Skanska USA Civil Inc. Southland News Distribution Co., LLC SproutLA The Ruth Group Timberlane Partners IV LLC Total Transportation Services, Inc TTSI TRC Solutions, Inc. UCBA Trade Association Universal Technical Institute, Inc. Waste Management Inc. Westfield Airports, LLC			
	Cheung, Rose	Mobilitie Management LLC	Westfield, LLC			

TOP 10 HIGHEST PAID LOBBYING FIRMS (cont'd)  Based on Client Payments Reported as Received In 2017 Q4					
Rank & Payments	Firm & Clients				
3. \$934,289	Armbruster Goldsmith & [	Delvac LLP			
J. \$734,207	11460 Gateway LLC 2800 Casitas LLC 6104 Hollywood, LLC 646 South Broadway LLC 649 South Olive LLC 7107 KWLF Developers, LLC 740 South Broadway LLC Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences AEG Alliance Development American Commercial Equities Amoroso Company Aragon AutoNation Bel Air Cliff Holdings Inc. Belmont Village Senior Living Biergarten, LLC Black Equities BLT Enterprises Bolour Brentwood School California Landmark Camden USA, Inc. Canfield Development, Inc. Caruso Affiliated CDC Mar Panama, LLC Chapman Court, LLC Chernoff Family Trust CIM Group City Market of Los Angeles Clearwater Communities CoreSite Crest Real Estate Crown Acquisitions, Inc. Decron Properties Devenney Group, Ltd. District Square LLC Douglas Emmett Elm Tree Investments Encino Group	Equity Office Equity Residential Faring Capital, LLC Fifield Companies Frost/Chaddock Developers, LLC G.H. Palmer Glencoe Avenue Associates LLC Greystar Griffin Opportunities, LLC Halavi Family Trust/La Brea 9 LLC Hollywood Sycamore LLC IMT Capital LLC Intelligent Design Real Estate Irvine Riverside W, LLC Jade Enterprises Jamison Properties, LP Joan's on Third Johnson Development Karma Company, LLC Karney Management Company LA Hollywood Properties LLC Labi, Adrien Land Sea Air Leasing, Corp. Laurus Corporation LeFrak Lenmar Beverly Glen LLC Lincoln Property Company Lizard Capital LLC Lowe Enterprises Real Estate Group	SunCal Terra River LLC The Buckley School The Hanover Company The Icon at Panorama, LLC The Macerich Company The Mirman School The Walt Disney Company Tishman Speyer Trammell Crow TriCal Construction TriStar Realty Group, LLC UB RiverRow LLC UDR United Technologies Corporation University of Southern California Urban View Investments, LLC US Longton, Inc. Vista Investment Weddington Living LLC Westmark School Westwood Marketplace Westwood3, LLC Wetherly Portfolio LLC		

Arrow Technology Management Company, America BMG Money Inc. Pacific Maritime Asso Boos Devolpment Harvard Westlake School Republic Services BreitBurn Management Hilton Hotels Revive Restoration Company Jamison Proeprties Souther California Ga Cadiz, Inc. Jia Long Real Estate Company Capri Urban Development Development Spectrum Group Rea		TOP 10 HIGHEST PAID LOBBYING FIRMS (cont'd)  Based on Client Payments Reported as Received In 2017 Q4							
3K Property Management Clear Channel McCourt Global AECOM Competitor Group Meruelo Group American Beverage Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas Microsoft Corportation Association Hankook Property Motion Picture Association Hankook Property Motion Picture Association Arrow Technology Management Company, America BMG Money Inc. Pacific Maritime Association Harvard Westlake School Republic Services BreitBurn Management Hilton Hotels Revive Restoration Company Jamison Proeprties Souther California Gay Cadiz, Inc. Jia Long Real Estate Company Capri Urban Development Development Spectrum Group Read		Firm & Clients	Firm & Clients						
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CBS Group Kainel Gardens Sugartish  CGI Strategies LA Mart Valero  Cha Health Systems Los Angeles Wholesale Walter J Company		AECOM American Beverage Association Arrow Technology BMG Money Boos Devolpment BreitBurn Management Company Cadiz, Inc. Capri Urban Development CBS Group CGI Strategies	Competitor Group Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas Hankook Property Management Company, Inc. Harvard Westlake School Hilton Hotels Jamison Proeprties Jia Long Real Estate Development Kalnel Gardens LA Mart	Meruelo Group Microsoft Corportation Motion Picture Association of America Pacific Maritime Association Republic Services Revive Restoration Souther California Gas Company Spectrum Group Real Estate Sugarfish Valero					

	TOP 10 HIGHEST PAID LOBBYING FIRMS (cont'd)  Based on Client Payments Reported as Received In 2017 Q4					
Rank & Payments Firm & Clients						
5. \$749,954	Craig Lawson & Co., LLC					
J. \$747,734	1045 Olive LLC 1200 S. Figueroa LLC 28th Church A Community of Friends Abode Communities AEG Desmond LLC Amidi Group Augustson Family Trust BLVD Partners Capital Foresight Career Lofts - LA Carmel Partners Inc. Carson Corner LLC Caruso Affiliated Holdings Chabad of Greater Los Feliz Chelsea Investment Corp. CIM Group CityView Clifford Beers Housing Combined Properties Continuum Partners Crespi Carmelite High School Darden Corp. Detroit Ventures LLC Dynamic Development Co. Eiden Inc.	Fashion District Residences LLC Fay Avenue Art District Dwellings LLC GI TC One Wilshire LLC Greenland US Holding Co. Grocery Outlet Inc. Harry's Auto Body Inc Holland Partners Hollywood Forever Inc. Intelligent Design Real Estate Jade Enterprises Jamison Properties LP Johnson Fain Architects Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Inc. LA Urban Homes LB Property Management Lifan Tower LLC Lincoln Property Co. Maguire Properties Maple Multi-Family Land CA Marina Business Center LLC Markwood Enterprises McCadden Plaza L.P. McCormack Baron Salazar Mercy Housing Mitsui Fudosan America Monteverdi LLC c/o Paratus	Museum Associates Museum of Contemporary Art National Real Estate Development LLC Palisades Capital Partners LLC PATH Ventures Petersen Automotive Museum R.D. Olson Development Redcar Properties Rodeo Properties LLC Sandstone Properties Seritage SRC Finance LLC Shammas Realty LLC Shoreham Capital LP Skid Row Housing Trust SRG Properties SRO Housing Corp. Sumitomo Realty The City Market of Los Angeles The Condor LLC Thomas Safran & Associates Tooley Interests Tujunga Village LLC Universal Villas LLC USC Caruso Catholic Center & Our Savior Parish Church Verbukh, Isaac Walter N Marks Inc Wolf Rifkin Shapiro Schulman			
	Equity Residential	Group	& Rabkin LLP			

	TOP 10 HIGHEST PAID LOBBYING FIRMS (cont'd)  Based on Client Payments Reported as Received In 2017 Q4					
Rank & Payments	Firm & Clients					
6. \$679,721	Sheppard, Mullin, Richter	& Hampton LLP				
	1600 Hudson, LLC 3 Steel LLC Azure Development, Inc. Beaux Arts Development Co. Geoula, Joe Habita Arts District, LLC Hammer Museum	Hollywood Forever Cemetery Hollywood International Regional Center Hudson Pacific Properties, Inc. Lightstone DTLA, LLC LLJ Adler Warner	McCadden Plaza, LP Millennium Partners LA Pacific Clinics Primestor Development, Inc. Samatas Thornton Aircraft Company Venus Over Manhattan			
7. \$644,085	Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mi	tchell LLP				
1410 Tanager, LLC 15 Rose LLC; Doug Bruce; Glen Luchford 2026 Bentley LLC and Michael Cohanzad 811 Ocean Front Walk LLC and 815 Ocean Front Walk LLC 888 Devon LLC 900 Hilgard, LLC; Eraj Basseri; Theodore M. Khalili Amalgamated Bank Arneson, David ASB Watermarke Owner, LLC Bay Village Bay-Shuck, Aaron Bazon, Ayelet Boardwalk Sunset LLC Bochner, Dan Bordan Shoe Company Boys and Girls Club of San Fernando Valley Bright, Lilly and Evan Cole Burdorf, Gary Capital Stone Management, Inc.; 1999 Sycamore, LLC Chapman Court, LLC		Crestlloyd LLC Crimson EHOF 12444 Venice Blvd Investors LP Cummins, Philip Diamond Cove Investments Drai, Victor Empire USA, Inc. Essex Property Trust Feldman, Todd Fisch Properties LP Forestar Real Estate Group, Inc. GBI-CMB LP Glendower, LLC Golden Bee Investments Gottlieb, Richard, Tobias Miller Gregorchuk; Manasseh Building Group, Inc., Stephen Grueter, Nina and Andreas H&F Development; David Colin Phillips Hanasab, Robert and Soraiya Jia Yuan USA Co., Inc. Judaken, Len Kellal Israel Synagogue Kohanoff, Saeed and Siamak Kornblum, David Kottler, Don and Marlene Lavin, Norman and Michele	Legado Companies Levi, Evan Lola Visual Effects Overall Murals Palisades Drive LP Pashaie, Michael Paterson, Yvonne Ridgeley 744 LLC; Kamyar Lashgari Rimini LP Ronald A. Simms Commercial Development and Montel Associates LP SB Hotel LA, LLC Seibel, Barry and Rhonda Smith, Michael Soltani, Alex, ARS Holdings, LLC STI CA 1, LLC; TDC Properties Stockdale Capital Partners Tag Front Tower Lane Properties, Inc. TPS Parking Management, LLC dba The Parking Spot and TPS Parking Century, LLC Urban Commons William E. Keenan Living Trust; William Keenan York Avenue 54 LLC Ziman and 416 Grand Blvd. LLC, Ralph			

	TOP 10 HIGHEST PAID LOBBYING FIRMS (cont'd)  Based on Client Payments Reported as Received In 2017 Q4					
Rank & Payments	Firm & Clients					
8. \$550,000	M Advisors LLC 1200 S. Figueroa	HNTB Corporation	Pacific Property Partners			
	Development, Inc	International Brotherhood Of Electrical Workers, Local 11	Providence Tarzana Medical Center			
	Airbnb Atlas / College Station	International Brotherhood Of Electrical Workers, Local 18	Rancho Ve, LLC			
	Blue Line Grid CA Resources Corporation	Ironworkers Local 416 Ironworkers Local 433	Southern California Pipe Trades District Council 16			
	Californians For Energy Independence	IUPAT District Council 36 Koneousa	Sunset Studio Holdings, LLC United Food & Commercial			
	Creed LA Encore Property	LAFC Sports, LLC Lexray	Workers Local 770 Verizon			
	Management Guess, Inc	Lincoln Property Company West LLC	Westfield - Village In West Hills Westside Campus Owner, LLC			
9. \$476,613	Latham & Watkins LLP					
	5601-5667 Santa Monica Blvd (LA) Owner LLC 5929 Sunset (Hollywood), LLC and CIM Group, LP 904 La Brea and Cim Group LP 9712 Oak Pass Road, LLC Apartment Investments & Management Company ("AIMCO") Archer School for Girls Boething - Treeland Caruso Affiliated CH Palladium, LLC Clear Channel Outdoor CORE/Related Grand Ave, LLC Crescent Heights Dynamic Development Company, LLC	Forest Lawn Memorial Park Assn G-Smatt America Co., Ltd. GH Palmer Assoc (Palmer/Flower Street Properties, LP) Heart Olive, LLC Honeywell International, Inc. Hudson Pacific Properties, Inc. J. Paul Getty Trust JMB Realty Corporation (AKA: AP Properties) Karney Properties Co. Karsh, Bruce & Martha LAFC Sports, LLC Loyola Marymount University Lucas Museum of Narrative Art McCourt Partners LLC	Mitsui Fudosan America, Inc. NBCUniversal Media, LLC Norman Cienega Property Group LLC Oak View Group, LLC Pacific Maritime Association Paramount Studios Providence Tarzana Medical Center Public Storage, Inc. RWS Sunset, LLC SBLP Development LLC Sierra Canyon High School Foundation SM 10000 Property, LLC The Buckley School Tribune Media Company VE Equities, LLC Westfield, LLC Wilshire Gayley, LLC			

	TOP 10 HIGHEST PAID LOBBYING FIRMS (cont'd)  Based on Client Payments Reported as Received In 2017 Q4					
Rank & Payments	Firm & Clients					
10. \$461,830	Manatt Phelps & Phillips LLP					
	1041 Abbott Kinney LLC 28th Church of Christ, Scientist 6363 Sunset Partners, LLLP/The Los Angeles Film School Agora Realty & Management, inc. AMDA College and Conservatory of the Performing Arts American Multi-Cinema, Inc. Athens Services Bahmani, Zohreh BE La Cienega, LLC	Bedrosian , John and Judith Bluejay Real Estate Trust Conduent, Inc. and its Affiliates Feintech, Lisa Foot Locker, Inc. Hirsch, Clement Bo Hollywood Museum Horacek, Joseph Khalkhali, Farzin Kilroy Realty Corporation Lighthouse Investments, LLC Live Nation Lourd, Bryan MAXIMUS, Inc. McDevitt, Joe Metro Capital Builders, Inc.	Mount Saint Mary's University Museum Associates d/b/a Los Angeles County Museum of Art Public Storage, Inc. Regency Outdoor Advertising, Inc. Rite Aid The California State University The Related Companies Timco CNG Fund I, LLC Turner Broadcasting System, Inc UA Plumbers Local Union 78			

## E. Top 10 Highest Paying Clients

In the fourth quarter of 2017, there were 1,747 registered clients of lobbying entities. Lobbying firms are required to disclose the payments they receive from their clients and the City matters associated with those payments. The clients that lobbying firms reported as having paid the most for lobbying services in the fourth quarter are identified in the table that begins below. Payments from clients with similar names and projects are aggregated.

Each of the top ten highest paying clients spent at least \$118,000 during the quarter. Combined, their payments totaled \$2,213,674 or 13.9 percent of the \$15,880,934 total reported payments from clients.

	TOP 10 HIGHEST PAYING CLIENTS  Based on Aggregated Client Payments Reported for 2017 Q4					
	Total Payments Detail of Total Payments Agencies Reported Agencies					
		From Client	Lobbying Firm	Payment	City Matter	Lobbied
1.	Crossroads Associates LLC	\$458,142	DLA Piper LLP (US)	\$458,142	Crossroads	City Council, LAFD, Housing and Community Investment, Planning, LADOT

	TOP 10 HIGHEST PAYING CLIENTS (cont'd)  Based on Aggregated Client Payments Reported for 2017 Q4					
	Client	Total Payments Reported	Detail o	Detail of Total Payments		
		From Client	Lobbying Firm	Payment	City Matter	Lobbied
2.	Atlas Capital Group, LLC	\$323,789	DLA Piper LLP (US)	\$323,789	Alameda Square/777 Alameda St	Mayor, City Attorney, City Council, Building and Safety, CLA, LAFD, Planning, LAPD, LADOT
3.	Hollywood International Regional Center	\$255,938	Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP		6516 Selma Ave./Los Angeles [CPC-2016- 270-VZC-HD-CUB- SPR]	Planning
				\$115,599	6421 West Selma Avenue [ZA-2015- 2671-CUB]	Planning
4.	La Terra Development LLC	\$218,848	Englander Knabe and Allen	\$54,900	Pinnacle 360 Hoover LLC/235 N. Hoover Street, Los Angeles, CA	None reported.
				\$43,300	1350 Deluxe Hollywood Investors, LLC/1350 N. Western Ave., Los Angeles, CA	None reported.
				\$36,000	Development/4850 Hollywood Blvd.	None reported.
				\$20,000	Development/1100 West Temple	None reported.
			MAX DEVELOPMENT LLC dba three6ixty	\$32,544	1100 Temple/1100 Temple LA, CA 90012	City Council, Building and Safety, LAFD, Housing and Community Investment, Neighborhood Councils, Planning, Public Works, Board, Engineering
				\$19,256	Barnsdall/4850 Hollywood Blvd 90027	City Council, Building and Safety, Planning, Engineering
				\$8,411	Pinnacle/235 N Hoover St 90004	Building and Safety, LAFD, Housing and Community Investment, Public Works Board, Engineering
				\$4,437	Deluxe/1350 N Western Ave 90028	Building and Safety, LAFD, Planning, Engineering
5.	Cen Fed, LTD	\$203,183	Gonzales Law Group, APC	\$203,183	4900 Hollywood Project/4900 Hollywood [CPC2013- 1595-DB-CU-ZAA- SPP-SPR	City Council, Planning

	TOP 10 HIGHEST PAYING CLIENTS (cont'd)  Based on Aggregated Client Payments Reported for 2017 Q4					
	Client	Total Payments Reported	Detail o	f Total Pay	rments	Agencies Lobbied
		From Client	Lobbying Firm	Payment	City Matter	Lobbied
6.	Lightstone DTLA LLC (and Lightstone and LIghtstone Group)	\$185,441	Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP	\$150,000	Figueroa Convention Center Hotel	City Council, CLA, Planning
	Lightstoric Group)		Arnie Berghoff & Associates	\$20,000	Development projects in the City of Los Angeles	City Council, Planning
			Psomas	\$7,875	Subdivision Map/601 W. Pico Blvd and 1248-1260 S. Figueroa Ave	Planning
			Urban Solutions, LLC	\$7,566	Proposed Hotel /Pico & Figueroa [CF 16-0073]	City Council
7.	CIM Group (and 5929 Sunset (Hollywood), LLC and CIM Group, LP)	\$178,284	Gonzales Law Group, APC	\$43,836	5103 Adams [DIR2017-2835-DV- SPR]	City Council, Planning
	ŕ			\$20,217	Sightglass Coffee [ZA2017-1968-CU]	City Council, Planning
				\$11,277	953 Sycamore	City Council, Planning
				\$10,245	Buerge East	City Council, Planning
				\$9,606	West LA project/11800 Santa Monica [DIR2014-2297-DB- SPR]	City Council, Planning
				\$5,729	7029 Willoughby	City Council, Planning
				\$5,586	7007 Romaine/7007 Romaine [ZA-2016- 2266-ZAA]	City Council, Planning
				\$5,090	904 La Brea GPA/ZC/904-932 N. La Brea Avenue [CPC2014-4074-GPA- ZC-HD-ZAA-SPR]	City Council, Planning
				\$4,581	Western	City Council, Planning
				\$1,327	911 Sycamore	City Council, Planning
				\$376	Marketplace	City Council, Planning
			Latham & Watkins LLP	\$50,355	Land Use & Transportation Matters re: Sunset and Gordon Mixed-Use Project/5929-5945 W. Sunset Boulevard [EIRSCH 2006111135]	City Attorney, City Council, Planning

	TOP 10 HIGHEST PAYING CLIENTS (cont'd)  Based on Aggregated Client Payments Reported for 2017 Q4					
	Client	Total Payments Reported	Detail o	Detail of Total Payments		Agencies
		From Client	Lobbying Firm	Payment	City Matter	Lobbied
	CIM Group (and 5929 Sunset (Hollywood), LLC and CIM Group, LP)	(cont'd from previous page)	MAX DEVELOPMENT LLC dba three6ixty	\$2,166	Buerge/11800 Santa Monica Blvd	Neighborhood Councils, Planning
	LF)			\$1,613	Sunset/3921 Sunset Blvd LA 90027	Neighborhood Councils, Planning
				\$975	609 Dillon/609 Dillon	Planning, Engineering
				\$506	5359 W Adams/5359 W Adams	Planning
			Craig Lawson & Co., LLC	\$3,383	Sunset & Gordon/Hollywood	Planning
			Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac LLP	\$1,416	Farmers Insurance Campus/Farmers Insurance Campus	None reported.
8.	Englander Knabe & Allen on behalf of LaTerra Properties	\$144,595	TChoi and Associates	\$63,984	Pinnacle 360 Hoover/235 N. Hoover, Los Angeles	None reported
	·			\$38,263	1350 N. Western/1350 N. Western, Los Angeles	None reported
				\$27,321	4850 Hollywood Blvd./4850 Hollywood Blvd.	None reported
				\$15,027	1100 W. Temple/1100 W. Temple	None reported
9.	AEG (and AEG Desmond LLC)	\$127,239	M Advisors LLC	\$80,000	Continued development and operations of LA LIVE	Mayor, City Attorney, City Council, Building and Safety, CAO, Convention and Tourism Development, LAFD, Planning
			Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac LLP	\$31,197	Hotel Participation	City Council
			DOIVAGE ELI	\$6,950	JW Marriott Expansion	None reported.
				\$5,160	LA Live/LA Live	None reported.
				\$3,119	Event & Convention Center Facilities/Downtown Los Angeles	None reported.
			Craig Lawson & Co., LLC		Development Project/Downtown Los Angeles	Planning
10.	LAFC Sports, LLC	\$118,215	Latham & Watkins LLP	\$118,215	General Land Use and Transportation Matters Related to Major League Soccer & Sports Arena / University Park	City Council, Building and Safety, Planning, LAPD, Engineering, Street Services

# F. Fundraising

Lobbying entities are required to disclose the fundraising they engage in on behalf of elected City officials, candidates, and committees. Of the 654 fourth-quarter lobbying entities, 12 (1.8 percent) reported fundraising activity totaling \$74,400. A breakdown of the fourth-quarter fundraising activity as reported by these six lobbying firms and six lobbyists is provided in the table below. Entities that reported identical amounts for the same candidate or officeholder may have served as co-hosts for the same fundraising event.

	FUNDRAISING 2017 Q4								
R	ank & Total Raised	Name of Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipients					
1.	\$18,800	Urban Solutions, LLC	Firm*	Councilmember O'Farrell Officeholder Account 2013\$12,800 Huizar Officeholder Account\$6,000					
2.	\$15,000	David Herbst	Lobbyist	Los Angeles Forward - Councilman Mike Bonin's Committee to Oppose the Recall \$15,000					
3.	\$11,800	Strategic Government Affairs	Firm*	Los Angeles Forward - Councilman Mike Bonin's Committee to Oppose the Recall \$11,000 Joe Buscaino for City Council, 2011, Officeholder\$800					
4.	\$7,200	Arnie Berghoff & Associates	Firm	Councilmember Cedillo Officeholder Account 2013\$4,800 Mitch Englander Officeholder\$2,400					
5.	\$6,000	Englander Knabe and Allen	Firm	Councilmember O'Farrell Officeholder Account 2013\$5,200 Councilmember Curren Price Officeholder Account\$800					
6.	\$5,600	John Howland	Lobbyist	Councilmember Cedillo Officeholder Account 2013\$3,200 Mitch Englander Officeholder\$2,400					
7.	\$3,400	Jeffrey S. McConnell	Lobbyist	Councilmember O'Farrell Officeholder Account 2013\$2,600 Councilmember Curren Price Officeholder Account\$800					
8.	\$2,400	Afriat Consulting Group Inc	Firm	Councilmember Cedillo Officeholder Account 2013\$2,400					
9.	\$1,600	TChoi and Associates	Firm*	Mitch O'Farrell for City Council 2017\$1,600					
10.	\$1,300	Eric W. Rose	Lobbyist	Councilmember O'Farrell Officeholder Account 2013\$1,300					
11.	\$800	Harvey A. Englander	Lobbyist	Councilmember O'Farrell Officeholder Account 2013\$800					
12.	\$500	Marcus A. Allen	Lobbyist	Councilmember O'Farrell Officeholder Account \$500					

<sup>\*</sup>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.

Certain contributions are prohibited. Lobbyists and lobbying firms may not make contributions to elected City officials, candidates, or their City-controlled 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.

In the fourth quarter, three lobbyist employers reported making a combined \$4,000 in contributions. These contributions are detailed in the following table.

	MADE CONTRIBUTIONS 2017 Q4							
Rank & Total Delivered		Name of Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipients				
1.	\$1,600	Airbnb, Inc.	Employer	Councilmember Cedillo Officeholder Account 2013\$800 Mitch Englander Officeholder\$800				
2.	\$1,600	Laborers Local 300	Employer	Councilmember Curren Price Officeholder Account\$800 Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015 Officeholder\$800				
3.	\$800	BNSF Railway Company	Employer	Councilmember O'Farrell Officeholder Account 2013\$800				

Also during the reporting period, four lobbying firms, four lobbyists, and one lobbyist employer reported delivering \$13,500 in contributions to the committees of three City officeholders and one candidate for City office. More detail is provided in the table on the next page.

	DELIVERED CONTRIBUTIONS 2017 Q4								
	Total Made	Name of Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipients					
1.	\$3,600	Englander Knabe and Allen	Firm	Councilmember O'Farrell Officeholder Account 2013\$3,600					
2.	\$3,100	Afriat Consulting Group Inc	Firm	Councilmember Cedillo Officeholder Account 2013\$2,400 Cedillo for City Council 2017\$700					
3.	\$2,300	Kindel Gagan	Firm	Councilmember Curren Price Officeholder Account\$1,600 Karo Torossian for Council 2017-General\$700					
4.	\$1,300	Eric W. Rose	Lobbyist	Councilmember O'Farrell Officeholder Account 2013\$1,300					
5.	\$1,000	Jeffrey S. McConnell	Lobbyist	Councilmember O'Farrell Officeholder Account 2013\$1,000					
6.	\$800	Arnie Berghoff & Associates	Firm	Councilmember Cedillo Officeholder Account \$800					
7.	\$800	Harvey A. Englander	Lobbyist	Councilmember O'Farrell Officeholder Account 2013\$800					
8.	\$500	Marcus A. Allen	Lobbyist	Councilmember O'Farrell Officeholder Account 2013\$500					
9.	\$100	Central City Association of Los Angeles	Employer	Councilmember Curren Price Officeholder Account\$100					

## H. Activity Expenses

Lobbying entities are required to report the payments they make to benefit City officials and their immediate family members. LAMC §§ 48.08(B)(4)–(5), 48.08(C)(5)–(6), 48.08(D)(7)–(8). Activity expenses include gifts, and they must be itemized if they are valued at \$25 or more. *Id.*; LAMC § 48.02.

Just as lobbyists and lobbying firms cannot make certain campaign contributions, they also cannot make gifts to City officials. Gifts from lobbyist employers are not prohibited, but they may not exceed \$100 per City official per year. As noted in the table on the following pages, four lobbyist employers reported itemized activity expenses totaling \$2,901 in the fourth quarter of 2017.

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	ACTIVITY EXPENSES 2017 Q4									
Total	Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipient	Description	Value					
1. \$1,080	Central City Association of Los Angeles		Ashley Atkinson  Mayoral Aide VII  Office of the Mayor	2017 Holiday Party (Millennium Biltmore Hotel)	\$36					
			Jenaro Batiz-Romero Administrative Coordinator II City Attorney	2017 Holiday Party (Millennium Biltmore Hotel)	\$36					
			Ken Bernstein Principal Planner Planning	2017 Holiday Party (Millennium Biltmore Hotel)	\$36					
			Gilbert Cedillo Council Member Council District 1	2017 Holiday Party (Millennium Biltmore Hotel)	\$36					
			Rushmore Cervantes Department of Housing General Manager	2017 Holiday Party (Millennium Biltmore Hotel)	\$36					
			Monique Earl Deputy General Manager DOT	2017 Holiday Party (Millennium Biltmore Hotel)	\$36					
			Edgar Garcia Staff Office of the Mayor	2017 Holiday Party (Millennium Biltmore Hotel)	\$36					
			Dennis Gleason Press Deputy Council District 15	2017 Holiday Party (Millennium Biltmore Hotel)	\$36					
			Mark Gonzalez District Director Rec and Parks	2017 Holiday Party (Millennium Biltmore Hotel)	\$36					
			Nicholas Greif Director of Policy and Legislation Council District 4	2017 Holiday Party (Millennium Biltmore Hotel)	\$36					
			Lilie Gross Case Manager Council District 14	2017 Holiday Party (Millennium Biltmore Hotel)	\$36					
			Paul Habib Chief of Staff Council District 14	2017 Holiday Party (Millennium Biltmore Hotel)	\$36					

	ACTIVITY EXPENSES 2017 Q4							
Total	Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipient	Description	Value			
	Central City Association of Los Angeles		Joella Hopkins  DTLA Field Director  Council District 14	2017 Holiday Party (Millennium Biltmore Hotel)	\$36			
	(continued from previous page)		Jose Huizar Council Member Council District 14	2017 Holiday Party (Millennium Biltmore Hotel)	\$36			
			Kevin James President Public Works Board	2017 Holiday Party (Millennium Biltmore Hotel)	\$36			
			Christine Jerian Deputy Chief of Staff Council District 7	2017 Holiday Party (Millennium Biltmore Hotel)	\$36			
			Kevin Keller Senior City Planner Planning	2017 Holiday Party (Millennium Biltmore Hotel)	\$36			
			Yeghig Keshishian  Public Info Director  Planning	2017 Holiday Party (Millennium Biltmore Hotel)	\$36			
			Daniel Park Neighborhood Advocate Council District 4	2017 Holiday Party (Millennium Biltmore Hotel)	\$36			
			Breelyn Pete Chief of State and Federal Affairs Office of the Mayor	2017 Holiday Party (Millennium Biltmore Hotel)	\$36			
			Max Reyes Community Business Manager Office of the Mayor	2017 Holiday Party (Millennium Biltmore Hotel)	\$36			
			Tony Ricasa Assistant Chief of Staff Council District 1	2017 Holiday Party (Millennium Biltmore Hotel)	\$36			
			Marisol Rodriguez  District Director  Council District 13	2017 Holiday Party (Millennium Biltmore Hotel)	\$36			
			David Ryu Council Member Council District 4	2017 Holiday Party (Millennium Biltmore Hotel)	\$36			
			Michael Shull General Manager Rec and Parks	2017 Holiday Party (Millennium Biltmore Hotel)	\$36			
			Stephen Simon Executive Director Department on Disability	2017 Holiday Party (Millennium Biltmore Hotel)	\$36			

	ACTIVITY EXPENSES 2017 Q4 (cont'd)							
Total	Total Lobbying Type of Entity		Recipient	Description	Value			
	Central City Association of Los Angeles		Matt Szabo Deputy Chief of Staff Office of the Mayor	2017 Holiday Party (Millennium Biltmore Hotel)	\$36			
	(continued from previous page)		Megan Teramoto Case Manager Council District 14	2017 Holiday Party (Millennium Biltmore Hotel)	\$36			
			Rebecca Valdez Principal City Planner Planning	2017 Holiday Party (Millennium Biltmore Hotel)	\$36			
			Lisa Webber  Deputy Director of Planning  Planning	2017 Holiday Party (Millennium Biltmore Hotel)	\$36			
2. \$948	University of Southern California	Employer	Nicole Carcel Director Neighborhood Relations & External Affairs City Attorney	Attended USC Village Gala	\$100			
			Mike Davis Commissioner Public Works Board	Attended football game	\$100			
			Mitch Englander Council Member Council District 12	Attended USC Village Gala	\$100			
			Elise Brodowy  Battalion Chief  LAFD	Attended USC Global Summit	\$80			
			Kristy Brown Police Officer LAPD	Attended USC Global Summit	\$80			
			Alma Burke Sergeant II LAPD	Attended USC Global Summit	\$80			
			Joshua Drake Legislative Analyst CLA	Attended USC Global Summit	\$80			
			Vanessa Gould Chief Forensic Chemist I LAPD	Attended USC Global Summit	\$80			

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	ACTIVITY EXPENSES 2017 Q4 (cont'd)							
Total	Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipient	Description	Value			
	University of Southern California	Employer	Helen Lopez Lieutenant II LAPD	Attended USC Global Summit	\$80			
	(continued from previous page)		Jennifer Wexler Deputy City Attorney City Attorney	Attended USC Global Summit	\$80			
			Luis Rivera Community Business Manager Office of Econ Development/Office of the Mayor	Attended USC Civic Engagement Holiday Lunch	\$59			
			Nilza Serrano Commissioner LACERS	Lunch with USC administrators	\$29			
3. \$800	Building Industry Association - Los Angeles/Ventura Chapter	Employer	Frank Bush General Manager Building & Safety	BIA Installation Dinner	\$100			
			Mitchell Englander Council Member Council District 12	BIA Installation Dinner	\$100			
			Oberto Humbarto Planning Director Council District 7	BIA Installation Dinner	\$100			
			Branimir Kvartuc Communications Director Council District 15	BIA Installation Dinner	\$100			
			Doug Tripp Chief of Staff Council District 7	BIA Installation Dinner	\$100			
			Lisa Webber  Deputy Director  Planning	BIA Installation Dinner	\$100			
			Andrew Westfall Planning Deputy Council District 10	BIA Installation Dinner	\$100			
			Herb Wesson Council President Council District 10	BIA Installation Dinner	\$100			
4. \$73	Apartment Association of Greater L. A.	Employer	Paul Koretz Council Member Council District 5	AAGLA Holiday Party (Jonathan Club)	\$73			

#### I. Major Filers

A major filer is a person who makes or incurs expenses totaling \$5,000 or more in a calendar quarter to influence one or more City matters but does not directly communicate with a City decision maker. Lobbyists, lobbying firms, and lobbyist employers are not major filers, and the payments and expenses they report do not count toward the threshold. However, a lobbying client can qualify as a major filer. LAMC § 48.02.

Major filers must file a disclosure report for every quarter in which they meet the \$5,000 threshold. Among other things, they must report the money spent on public or media relations, advertising, public outreach, research, reports, and similar activities. LAMC § 48.08(E).

In 2017, two major filer reports were filed, both by the same person. The California Hotel and Lodging Association disclosed spending just under \$100,000 to influence action on the City's home sharing ordinance, as shown in the table below.

Major Filer Activity 2017									
Filer	Quarter	City Matter	City Reference Number	Expenses					
California Hotel and Lodging Association	Q3 2017	Home Sharing Ordinance	14-1635-S2	\$63,732					
California Hotel and Lodging Association Q4 2017 Home Sharing Ordinance 14-1635-S2 \$36,08									

#### J. Public Access

This and other quarterly summaries are available on the Ethics Commission's web site. Detailed information about lobbying entities and their clients is also available. Registration statements and quarterly reports may be viewed online, and specific information may be searched through the Public Data Portal.