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**OVER \$17 MILLION SPENT TO LOBBY
CITY AGENCIES IN FOURTH QUARTER OF 2016**

Entities registered to lobby City agencies reported receiving payments totaling over \$17 million in the fourth quarter of 2016, according to a report on the Ethics Commission's agenda today.

Reports filed by lobbying entities disclosed that clients paid a total of \$17,076,190 to lobby the City during the fourth quarter. Of the 1,744 clients registered for the fourth quarter, the ten who made the largest aggregated payments for lobbying services were Lowe Enterprises Inc.; Lightstone DTLA LLC; Spectrum Group Real Estate; Jamison Properties, LP; Estate Four; Airbnb; Jia Yuan USA Co., Inc.; Crossroads Associates LLC; PH LA Mart LLC; and Atlas Capital Group, LLC. During the fourth quarter, these clients reported total payments ranging from \$131,877 to \$862,580. In total, these payments represented 13.6 percent of all payments by clients for the quarter.

The ten lobbying firms receiving the most client payments in the fourth quarter of 2016 were Afriat Consulting Group; Marathon Communications Inc.; Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP; Mayer Brown LLP; Glaser, Weil, Fink, Howard, Avchen & Shapiro, LLP; Craig Lawson & Co., LLC; Ek and Sunkin; Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac LLP; Englander Knabe and Allen; and Liner LLP. These firms reported receiving total payments from clients ranging from \$395,373 to \$2,179,521 for the quarter. Together, these lobbying firms received a total of \$8,689,290 from their clients, representing 50.9 percent of all client payments received in the fourth quarter of 2016.

In addition to payments from clients, 10 of the 636 registered lobbying entities reported fundraising activity totaling \$94,350 for City campaigns, officeholders, and committees. The full report on fourth-quarter lobbying activities, the disclosure reports filed by lobbying entities, and searchable information about lobbying entities and their clients are available on the Ethics Commission's web site.

The Ethics Commission was created by Los Angeles voters in 1990 to impartially administer and enforce the City's governmental ethics, campaign financing, and lobbying laws.