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**OVER \$9.5 MILLION SPENT TO LOBBY
CITY AGENCIES IN FIRST QUARTER OF 2014**

Entities registered to lobby City agencies reported receiving payments totaling over \$9.5 million in the first quarter of 2014, according to a report discussed by the Ethics Commission yesterday.

Reports filed by lobbying entities disclosed that clients paid a total of \$9,793,149 to lobby the City during the first quarter. The clients that paid the most for lobbying services during the quarter include Archer School for Girls, M. David Paul & Associates, AEG, The Clarett Group, Townscape Partners, Rancho LPG Holdings Inc., Coalition to Save the Westside, Greenland US Holding Co, Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences, and Green Conversion Systems, LLC. During the first quarter, these clients each made total payments ranging from \$77,751 to \$200,000. Together, their payments represented 10.3 percent of all payments by clients for the quarter.

The ten lobbying firms receiving the most client payments in the first quarter of 2014 were Cerrell Assoc Inc; Afriat Consulting Group Inc.; Marathon Communications Inc.; Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP; Kindel Gagan; Arnie Berghoff & Associates; Craig Lawson & Co., LLC; Ek & Ek; Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac LLP; and Englander Knabe and Allen. Together, these lobbying firms received a total of \$5,026,237 from their clients, representing 51 percent of all client payments received in the first quarter of 2014.

In addition to payments from clients, 21 of the 520 registered lobbying entities reported fundraising activity totaling \$77,751 for City campaigns, officeholders, and committees. The full report on first-quarter lobbying activities, the disclosure reports filed by lobbying entities, and searchable information about lobbying entities and their clients are available at ethics.lacity.org or by contacting the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960.

The City 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.