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NEARLY \$11.5 MILLION SPENT TO LOBBY CITY AGENCIES IN THIRD QUARTER

Entities registered to lobby City agencies reported receiving payments totaling nearly \$11.5 million to lobby City agencies in the third quarter of 2013, according to a report presented to the Ethics Commission at its meeting today.

Reports filed by lobbying entities disclosed that clients paid a total of \$11,453,528 to lobby the City during the third quarter. The clients that paid the most for lobbying services during the quarter include Millennium Partners LA; Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences; iStar Financial Inc.; Champion Real Estate Company; RECP Sydell Wilshire; Townscape Partners; Amalgamated Bank; American Progressive Bag Alliance; Chinese Theatre, LLC; and M. David Paul & Associates. During the third quarter, these clients made total payments ranging from \$116,938 to \$572,681. Together, these payments represented 19 percent of all payments by clients for the quarter.

The ten lobbying firms receiving the most client payments in the third quarter of 2013 were Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP; Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac LLP; Englander, Knabe and Allen; Ek & Ek; Craig Lawson & Co., LLC; Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP; Latham & Watkins LLP; Marathon Communications Inc.; Mayer Brown LLP; and Arnie Berghoff & Associates. Together, these lobbying firms received a total of \$6,301,428 from their clients, representing 55 percent of the \$11,453,528 total of all client payments received in the third quarter of 2013.

In addition to payments from clients, lobbying entities must also disclose fundraising and contribution activity on a quarterly basis. Lobbying entities reported raising a total of \$81,080 for City campaigns and officeholders in the third quarter. Contributions totaling \$4,000 were made by lobbying entities, and a total of \$50,025 in contributions were delivered by lobbying entities during the third quarter.

For the third quarter of 2013, 100 percent of lobbying entities have complied with the reporting requirements. Lobbying reports, searchable information about lobbying entities and their clients, and the full report on third-quarter lobbying activities 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.