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# LOS ANGELES CITY ETHICS COMMISSION

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### OVER \$16.2 MILLION SPENT TO LOBBY CITY AGENCIES IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2017

Entities registered to lobby City agencies reported receiving payments totaling over \$16.2 million in the third quarter of 2017, according to a report on the Ethics Commission's agenda yesterday.

Reports filed by lobbying entities disclosed that clients paid a total of \$16,201,860 to lobby the City during the third quarter. Of the 1,624 clients registered for the third quarter, the ten who made the largest aggregated payments for lobbying services are listed in the Top 10 Highest Paying Clients table (see right).

Payments from these clients totaled \$2,300,749 and represented 14.2 percent of all payments by lobbying clients for the quarter.

|    | Top 10 Highest Paying Clients                           | Total Payments in Q3 |
|----|---|----------------------|
| 1  | Atlas Capital Group                                     | \$663,161            |
| 2  | Lightstone DTLA LLC                                     | \$246,324            |
| 3  | Watermark Westwood Village LLC                          | \$240,350            |
| 4  | La Terra Development LLC                                | \$216,937            |
| 5  | Jamison Properties LLP                                  | \$201,535            |
| 6  | Harvard Westlake School                                 | \$171,516            |
| 7  | Crossroads Associates LLC                               | \$167,558            |
| 8  | AvalonBay Communities, Inc.                             | \$142,219            |
| 9  | Englander Knabe & Allen on behalf of LaTerra Properties | \$134,969            |
| 10 | Hudson Pacific Properties, Inc                          | \$116,180            |

In addition to payments from clients, 14 of the 634 third quarter lobbying entities reported fundraising activity totaling \$51,850 for City campaigns, officeholders, and committees.

|    | Top 10 Highest Paid Lobbying Firms                | Total Lobbying Payments Received in Q3 |
|----|---|--|
| 1  | Liner LLP   | \$1,782,135                            |
| 2  | Englander Knabe and Allen                         | \$1,228,597                            |
| 3  | Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac LLP                 | \$903,083                              |
| 4  | Ek, Sunkin, Klink & Bai                           | \$836,180                              |
| 5  | Craig Lawson & Co., LLC                           | \$823,626                              |
| 6  | Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP           | \$780,709                              |
| 7  | Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP              | \$616,157                              |
| 8  | Glaser, Weil, Fink, Howard, Avchen & Shapiro, LLP | \$506,353                              |
| 9  | Kindel Gagan                                      | \$492,036                              |
| 10 | Mayer Brown LLP                                   | \$392,857                              |

The ten lobbying firms receiving the most client payments in the third quarter of 2017 are listed in the Top 10 Highest Paid Lobbying Firms table (see left). Together, these lobbying firms received a total of \$8,361,733, representing 51.6 percent of all client payments received in the third quarter of 2017. The full report on third-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.

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*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.*