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OVER \$15.8 MILLION SPENT TO LOBBY CITY AGENCIES IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2017

Entities registered to lobby City agencies reported receiving payments totaling over \$15.8 million in the fourth quarter of 2017, according to a report on the Ethics Commission's agenda for today's meeting.

Reports filed by lobbying entities disclosed that clients paid a total of \$15,880,934 to lobby the City during the fourth quarter. Of the 1,747 clients registered for the fourth 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 \$2,213,674 and represented 13.9 percent of all payments by lobbying clients for the quarter.

The ten lobbying firms receiving the most client payments in the fourth quarter of 2017 are listed in the Top 10 Highest Paid Lobbying Firms table (see below left). Together, these lobbying firms received a total of \$8,065,341, representing 50.8 percent of all client payments received in the fourth quarter.

	Top 10 Highest Paying Clients	Total Payments in Q4
1	Crossroads Associates LLC	\$458,142
2	Atlas Capital Group, LLC	\$323,789
3	Hollywood International Regional Center	\$255,938
4	La Terra Development LLC	\$218,848
5	Cen Fed, LTD	\$203,183
6	Lightstone DTLA LLC	\$185,441
7	CIM Group	\$178,284
8	Englander Knabe & Allen on behalf of LaTerra Properties	\$144,595
9	AEG	\$127,239
10	LAFC Sports, LLC	\$118,215

	Top 10 Highest Paid Lobbying Firms	Total Lobbying Payments Received in Q4
1	DLA Piper LLP (US)	\$1,430,610
2	Englander Knabe and Allen	\$1,220,239
3	Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac LLP	\$934,289
4	Ek, Sunkin, Klink & Bai	\$918,000
5	Craig Lawson & Co., LLC	\$749,954
6	Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP	\$679,721
7	Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP	\$644,085
8	M Advisors LLC	\$550,000
9	Latham & Watkins LLP	\$476,613
10	Manatt Phelps & Phillips LLP	\$461,830

Twelve of the 654 fourth-quarter lobbying entities also reported fundraising activity totaling \$74,400 for City campaigns, officeholders, and committees.

In addition to lobbying entities, the California Hotel and Lodging Association disclosed spending \$36,083 as a major filer in the fourth quarter of 2017.

The full report on fourth-quarter lobbying and major filer activities is available on the Ethics Commission's web site. Disclosed information about lobbying entities and their clients can be searched through the Public Data Portal 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.