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OVER \$15.2 MILLION SPENT TO LOBBY CITY AGENCIES IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2018

Entities registered to lobby City agencies reported receiving payments totaling over \$15.2 million in the first quarter of 2018, 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 \$15,219,515 to lobby the City during the first quarter. Of the 1,320 clients registered for the first 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 \$1,869,420 and represented 12.3 percent of all payments by lobbying clients for the quarter.

The ten lobbying firms receiving the most client payments in the first quarter of 2018 are listed in the Top 10 Highest Paid Lobbying Firms table (see below left). Together, these lobbying firms received a total of \$7,464,805, representing 49.04 percent of all client payments received in the first quarter.

	Top 10 Highest Paying Clients	Total Payments in Q1
1	Champion Real Estate Company	\$326,822
2	Lightstone DTLA LLC	\$324,968
3	Jamison Properties	\$216,474
4	Atlas Capital Group, LLC	\$195,198
5	AvalonBay Communities, Inc.	\$149,197
6	Millennium Partners	\$138,850
7	CIM Group	\$137,174
8	Crossroads Associates LLC	\$136,631
9	Sunrise Senior Living	\$125,191
10	Relevant Group LLC	\$118,916

	Top 10 Highest Paid Lobbying Firms	Total Lobbying Payments Received in Q1
1	DLA Piper LLP (US)	\$1,361,854
2	Englander Knabe and Allen	\$1,046,127
3	Ek, Sunkin, Klink & Bai	\$1,006,750
4	Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP	\$687,919
5	Craig Lawson & Co., LLC	\$683,351
6	Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac LLP	\$681,142
7	Kindel Gagan	\$540,400
8	Urban Solutions, LLC	\$530,977
9	M Advisors LLC	\$490,000
10	Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP	\$436,285

Eleven of the 586 first-quarter lobbying entities also reported fundraising activity totaling \$224,100 for City campaigns, officeholders, and committees.

In addition to lobbying entities, the California Hotel and Lodging Association, and UNITE HERE Local 11 disclosed spending totaling \$63,262 as major filers in the first quarter of 2018.

The full report on first-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.