

For Immediate Release: February 18, 2020  
Contact: Nancy Jackson (213) 978-1960

## OVER \$20.5 MILLION SPENT TO LOBBY CITY IN FOURTH QUARTER

Entities registered to lobby City agencies reported receiving payments totaling over \$20.5 million in the fourth quarter of 2019, according to a summary on today's Ethics Commission agenda.

Reports filed by lobbying entities disclosed that clients paid a total of \$20,581,876 to lobby the City during the fourth quarter. Of the 2,200 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 to the right.

Payments from these clients totaled \$2,924,609 and represented 14.2 percent of all payments by lobbying clients for the quarter.

The ten lobbying firms receiving the most client payments in the fourth quarter of 2019 are listed in the Top 10 Highest Paid Lobbying Firms table below. Together, these lobbying firms received a total of \$9,987,108, representing 49 percent of all client payments received in the fourth quarter.

Top 10 Highest Paying Clients		Total Payments Made in Q4
1	Champion Real Estate Company	\$518,947
2	Clear Channel Outdoor, LLC (and Clear Channel Outdoor, Clear Channel Outdoor, Inc., and Clear Channel)	\$438,374
3	SOCAL San Pedro SPV1, LLC	\$435,750
4	CRE-HAR Crossroads SPV, LLC	\$296,501
5	CIM Group (and 5929 Sunset (Hollywood), LLC and CIM Group, LP)	\$268,840
6	Watermark Westwood Village LLC	\$241,420
7	Mountaingate Open Space Maintenance Association	\$225,513
8	La Terra Development LLC	\$182,620
9	Atlas Capital Group, LLC	\$159,644
10	Los Angeles Dodgers	\$157,000

Top 10 Highest Paid Lobbying Firms		Total Payments Received in Q4
1	DLA Piper LLP (US)	\$2,059,976
2	Englander Knabe and Allen (including three6ty)	\$1,700,915
3	Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac LLP	\$1,226,329
4	Craig Lawson & Co., LLC	\$829,665
5	Psomas	\$813,137
6	Latham & Watkins LLP	\$775,787
7	Glaser, Weil, Fink, Howard, Avchen & Shapiro, LLP	\$728,874
8	Michael Bai and Associates	\$698,750
9	Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP	\$602,175
10	M Strategic Communications	\$551,500

Of the 742 fourth-quarter lobbying entities, 19 reported fundraising activity totaling \$145,200 for City campaigns, officeholders, and committees.

In addition to lobbying entities, five major filers reported activity totaling \$219,222 in the fourth quarter of 2019.

The [full summary](#) on fourth-quarter lobbying and major filer activities is available on the Ethics Commission's website. Disclosed information about lobbying entities and their clients can be searched through the [Public Data Portal](#) on the Ethics Commission's website.

*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.*