
Item 11
Information

Quarterly Lobbying Report

Executive Summary: This item presents a summary of activities reported to the Ethics Commission by lobbying entities for the third quarter of 2017.

Recommended Action: This item is for informational purposes only.

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A. Introduction

The Municipal Lobbying Ordinance (MLO) regulates persons who receive compensation to lobby City officials. Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) §§ 48.01, *et seq.* In LAMC § 48.01(B), the MLO makes several findings regarding lobbying activity, including the following:

1. Citizens have a right to know the identities of those who attempt to influence City decisions;
2. Public disclosure by lobbyists and their clients regarding their lobbying activities is essential to citizen confidence in the integrity of local government;
3. It is in the public interest to ensure that lobbyists do not misrepresent facts or their positions;
4. It is in the public interest to ensure that lobbyists do not place City officials under personal obligation to themselves or their clients.

To help ensure adequate and effective disclosure regarding efforts to lobby City government, lobbying entities are required to file quarterly disclosure reports. *See* LAMC §§ 48.01(B)(6), 48.08. This item summarizes information disclosed on the lobbying reports filed for the third quarter of 2017.

B. Legal Background

1. Definitions

The MLO defines lobbying activity generally as compensated conduct related to communications with City officials that are designed to influence municipal matters. LAMC § 48.02. The lobbying entities that are regulated by the MLO include lobbyists, lobbying firms, and lobbyist employers.

A lobbyist is an individual, regardless of title, who is compensated to spend 30 or more hours in a three-month period to engage in lobbying activities that include at least one direct communication with a City official or employee that is designed to influence a City matter on behalf of another person. *Id.* A lobbying firm is an entity that is entitled to receive \$1,000 in compensation for engaging in lobbying activities on behalf of another person during a three-month period, if a partner, owner, shareholder, owner, or employee of the entity qualifies as a lobbyist. *Id.* A lobbying firm may be an individual lobbyist. Finally, a lobbyist employer is an entity that employs a lobbyist in-house to lobby on the entity's behalf. *Id.*

Certain persons are exempt from the lobbying regulations. These include individuals acting in an official government capacity, newspapers and other media outlets that publish editorials or paid advertising, persons whose only activity is bidding on a City contract, and 501(c)(3) organizations that receive government funding and are created to provide direct services to indigent persons. LAMC § 48.03.

2. Registration and Reporting

Lobbyists and lobbying firms are required to register with the Ethics Commission on an annual basis. LAMC §§ 48.07(A)-(B). Registration is required within 10 days after the end of the month in which the qualification threshold is met. LAMC § 48.07(A). The fees for each year's registration are \$450 per lobbyist plus \$75 for each client from whom the lobbyist is entitled to receive \$250 or more in a calendar quarter. LAMC § 48.07(C).

Each lobbying entity is required to file a disclosure report for every calendar quarter in which it qualifies as a lobbying entity. LAMC § 48.08(A)(1). Lobbying entities must continue to submit quarterly reports until registration is terminated, either voluntarily or automatically by virtue of the end of the calendar year. The disclosure reports must contain specific information, including the following:

- a. Each City agency that a lobbyist attempted to influence. LAMC §§ 48.08(B)(12), 48.08(C)(14).
- b. Each municipal matter that a lobbyist employer attempted to influence. LAMC § 48.08(D)(6).
- c. Total payments from clients to lobbying firms. LAMC § 48.08(C)(4).
- d. Total payments to lobbyists by lobbying firms and lobbyist employers. LAMC §§ 48.08(C)(7)(a), 48.08(D)(3).
- e. The elected City officials, candidates, and committees for which a lobbyist engaged in fundraising activity, as well as the dates of the activity and the amount of money raised. LAMC §§ 48.08(B)(7), 48.08(C)(9), 48.08(D)(10).
- f. Services provided by a lobbyist to a City candidate or ballot measure campaign or to the City under contract, including the amount of compensation received for those services. LAMC §§ 48.08(B)(10)-(11), 48.08(C)(12)-(13).

3. Prohibited Activities

Lobbying entities are prohibited from engaging in certain types of activity. They may not attempt to deceive City officials. LAMC §§ 48.04(B), (D). They may not place City officials under personal obligation to them. LAMC § 48.04(A). They may not create a municipal matter for the purpose of being retained to lobby on that matter. LAMC § 48.04(C).

Lobbyists and lobbying firms are also limited in certain financial activities. They may engage in fundraising, but they may not make campaign contributions to elected City officials, candidates, or their committees if they are required to be registered to lobby the office the official or candidate holds or seeks. Los Angeles City Charter § 470(c)(11). And they may not make or act as an intermediary in the making of a gift to a City official. LAMC §§ 48.04(E), 49.5.8(A)-(C).

C. Third Quarter Compliance

In the third quarter of 2017, there were 431 registered lobbyists and 128 registered lobbying firms, including 43 sole proprietorships. In addition, there were 75 lobbyist employers.

These 634 lobbying entities were required to file 591 disclosure reports for the third quarter (the 43 sole-proprietor lobbyists were required to file a lobbying firm report but not a lobbyist report). A total of 585 reports (99 percent) were filed on time. Penalties totaling \$150 were paid in connection with reports filed past the October 31 deadline. The tables in this report detail and summarize information that was disclosed through all reports filed for the quarter.

D. Top 10 Highest Paid Lobbying Firms

Lobbying firms are required to report the total amount of payments they receive each quarter from the clients they represent. A total of \$16,201,860 in payments from clients was reported by all lobbying firms for the third quarter of 2017.

The ten firms that reported the highest total payments from clients are identified in the table on the following pages. Each of the top ten firms reported receiving at least \$390,000 from clients in the third quarter. Together, the ten firms reported receiving a total of \$8,361,733 which represents 51.6 percent of all payments from clients reported by all lobbying firms for the third quarter of 2017.

TOP 10 HIGHEST PAID LOBBYING FIRMS

Based on Client Payments Reported as Received In 2017 Q3

Rank & Payments	Firm & Clients		
1. \$1,782,135	Liner LLP		
	Ace Outdoor Advertising	Greenland LA Metropolis	Nationwide RP Corporation
	Arc Capital Partners LLC	Development II LLC	Nike, Inc.
	Atlas Capital Group, LLC	Harley Neuman (Tierra Nostra	Oxford Capital Group
	Bancroft Capital	Trust)	Prime/CRDF Mission Hills,
	Barlow Respiratory	Harridge Development Group,	LLC
	Hospital	LLC	Providence Holy Cross
	Bastion Development	Hayato Restaurant	Medical Center
	Corporation	Jade Enterprises, LLC	Realm Group LLC
	Boulevard Nightlife	Jamison Properties, LP	Relevant Group LLC
	Champion Real Estate	Jia Yuan USA Co., Inc.	RWBP Highland, LP
	Company	Ladder Capital Finance	Ryda Ventures LLC
	City Century LLC	Larchmont Village Partners One	Shappell Liberty
	City Wild Posting	LLC	Investment Properties,
	CityView	Laurus Corporation	LLC
	CityView - Duplicate	Lawn School LLC	Sietsema, Paul
	Crescent Heights	Leap of Faith Partners	Skid Row Housing Trust
	Crossroads Associates	Local Construct	Southern California
	LLC	Los Angeles Streetcar, Inc.	Ambulance
	CTK Ventures	Lowe Enterprises Inc.	Statewide Acquisitions
	CV 1800 Beverly, LLC	LQ Management	Stiletto Flats, Inc.
	Deep Green Housing	Maguire Properties - 755 S.	Trammell Crow Residential
	Estate Four	Figuroa, LLC	United Downtown LA LLC
	EYP Realty	Manufactory LA LLC	Urban Offerings
	Forest City Residential	Metspresso LLC	Watermark Westwood
	West, Inc.	MREC HD Blake Street	Village LLC
	Gilmore Associates	MREC HD Elysian Park, LLC	Westland Partners Inc
	Golden Hills	National Electrical Contractors	WP West Development
		Association	Enterprises

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2. \$1,228,597	<p>Englander Knabe and Allen</p> <p>5959 LLC 9712 Oak Pass Road, LLC Accela, Inc. American Golf Corporation Anthem, Inc. AT&T Enterprise Services (AT & T and its affiliates) Avaya, Inc. Avisare Corporation Bay Village Investments, LLC Bel Air Cliff Property Holding Inc. Beverly Hills Greater Los Angeles Association of Realtors BLH Construction Co. BNSF Railway Company Boingo Wireless, Inc. Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP For City of Alhambra California Trucking Association Calmet Corp. CALTROP Cheung, Rose</p> <p>City of Alhambra Clark Construction Group - California, LP Clay Lacy Aviation Coca Cola Bottling USA CONRAC Crews of California, Inc. Dedicated Building Services, LLC Downtown Alameda Partners Enterprise Rent-A-Car Company of Los Angeles Gavin de Becker & Associates, Inc. Gilmore Associates Hillcrest Beverly Oil Corporation HNTB Corporation IMPEX Technologies, Inc. Itron, Inc. JetBlue Airways Corporation Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP KB Collective for Compassion Care Inc. La Terra Development LLC Library Street Collective Los Angeles City Attorneys Association Mobilitie Management LLC Motorola, Inc.</p> <p>Official Police Garage Assn of LA OFO US Limited One Concern, Inc. Onni Contracting (CA) Inc. Ozone Clean Technologies, Inc. Poppy Properties, Inc. proyectosLA LLC Quick Silver Towing, Inc. Renovate America, Inc. Rose Cafe and Market, Inc. SAS Institute Inc. Seaview Investors, LLC Skanska USA Civil Inc. Southland News Distribution Co., LLC SproutLA The Ruth Group Timberlane Partners IV LLC Total Transportation Services, Inc. - TTSI TRC Solutions, Inc. UCBA Trade Association Universal Technical Institute, Inc. Waste Management Inc. Westfield Airports, LLC Westfield, LLC</p>

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10. \$392,857	Mayer Brown LLP		
	2222 South Figueroa Street, LLC	CGI Strategies In Real Estate Clay Lacy Aviation	Maxxam Enterprises PH LA Mart LLC
	AG SCH 8150 Sunset Boulevard Owner LP	Colossal Media	Rescore Hollywood LLC
	Avalonbay Communities, Inc.	Goldstein Planting Wagman, LLC	Rescore Koreatown LLC
	Celebrity Realty Holdings LLC	Harvard-Westlake School	Summit Media LLC
	Central Plaza, LLC	Jamison Properties, LP	Sun Hill Properties, Inc.
		LIG – 900, 910 and 926 E. 4th St., 405-411 S. Hewitt St., LLC	Western Plaza Capital Holding, LLC

E. Top 10 Highest Paying Clients

In the third quarter of 2017, there were 1,624 registered clients of lobbying entities. Lobbying firms are required to disclose the payments they receive from their clients and the projects associated with those payments. The clients that lobbying firms reported as having paid the most for lobbying services in the third quarter are identified in the table on the following pages. Payments from clients with similar names and projects are aggregated.

Each of the top ten highest paying clients spent at least \$116,000 during the quarter. Combined, their payments totaled \$2,300,749 or 14.2 percent of the \$16,201,860 total reported payments from clients.

TOP 10 HIGHEST PAYING CLIENTS

Based on Aggregated Client Payments Reported for 2017 Q3

Client	Total Payments Reported From Client	Detail of Total Payments			Agencies Lobbied	
		Lobbying Firm	Payment	Project		
1. Atlas Capital Group, LLC	\$663,161	Liner LLP	\$286,697	Chinatown/120-129 W. College Street	City Council, Building and Safety, LAFD, Neighborhood Councils, Planning, LAPD, Engineering, LADWP	
			\$224,858	Alameda Square/777 Alameda St		Mayor, City Council, Building and Safety, LAFD, Planning, LAPD, Engineering, LADOT
			\$151,576	Pickle Works/220 Center St.		City Council
			\$30	712 S. Olive		City Council, Building and Safety, Fire (LAFD), Planning, City, Water & Power (DWP)

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2. Lightstone DTLA LLC (and Lightstone and Lighthstone Group)	\$246,324	Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP	204,420	Figueroa Convention Center Hotel	City Council, CLA, Planning
		Urban Solutions, LLC	\$22,529	Proposed Hotel /Pico & Figueroa [CF 16-0073]	City Council, CLA
		Arnie Berghoff & Associates	\$15,000	Development projects in the city of Los Angeles	City Council, Planning
		Psomas	\$4,375	Subdivision Map/601 W. Pico Blvd and 1248-1260 S. Figueroa Ave	Planning
3. Watermark Westwood Village LLC	\$240,350	Liner LLP	\$240,350	Westwood	Mayor, City Attorney, City Council, Building and Safety, CLA, Finance, LAFD, Housing and Community Investment, Planning, Engineering, LADOT, LADWP
4. La Terra Development LLC	\$216,937	Englander Knabe and Allen	\$82,300	Pinnacle 360 Hoover LLC/235 N. Hoover Street, Los Angeles, CA	No City agencies reported.
			\$66,100	1350 Deluxe Hollywood Investors, LLC/1350 N. Western Ave., Los Angeles, CA	No City agencies reported.
			\$42,900	Development/4850 Hollywood Blvd.	No City agencies reported.
			\$23,000	Development/1100 West Temple	No City agencies reported.
		MAX DEVELOPMENT LLC dba three6ixty	\$2,637	Barnsdall/4850 Hollywood Blvd 90027	Planning

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5. Jamison Properties LLP	\$201,535	Craig Lawson & Co., LLC	\$26,903	Mixed Use Project/Wilshire/St. Andrews	City Council, Building and Safety, Neighborhood Councils, Planning, Engineering
			\$23,809	Mixed Use Project/Westwood	City Council, Building and Safety, Neighborhood Councils, Planning
			\$3,999	Mixed Use Project /Wilshire/Ardmore	Building and Safety, Planning
			\$3,554	Museum Project /6th & Vermont	Planning, Engineering
			\$1,499	Mixed Use Project /Wilshire/Hoover	Planning
			\$315	Mixed Use Project /Los Angeles/J.M. Wood Blvd	No City agencies reported.
		Liner LLP	\$72,442	1030 Lake	Building and Safety, Planning
			\$9,715	668 Coronado	City Council, Building and Safety, LAFD, Planning, LAPD
		Ek, Sunkin, Klink & Bai	\$40,000	issues related to land use	City Council
		Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac LLP	\$11,577	3700 Wilshire Blvd./3700 Wilshire Blvd.	Planning
		Mayer Brown LLP	\$7,722	Assist client with entitlements.	City Council, Building and Safety, Planning, Board of Public Works, Contract Administration, Engineering, Sanitation, Street Lighting, Street Services
6. Harvard Westlake School	\$171,516	Mayer Brown LLP	\$156,516	Assist client with City entitlements.	City Council, Building and Safety, Planning, Board of Public Works, Contract Administration, Engineering, Sanitation, Street Lighting, Street Services.
			Ek, Sunkin, Klink & Bai	\$15,000	Issues dealing with drilling in the City of Los Angeles/City Council.
7. Crossroads Associates LLC	\$167,558	Liner LLP	\$167,558	Crossroads	City Council, Building and Safety, Planning

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8. AvalonBay Communities, Inc.	\$142,219	Mayer Brown LLP	\$76,384	Assist client with City entitlements.	City Council, Building and Safety, Planning, Board of Public Works, Contract Administration, Engineering, Sanitation, Street Lighting, Street Services	
		Marathon Communications Inc	\$62,835	Arts District Due Diligence/668 S. Alameda Street Los Angeles, CA 90021		Mayor, City Attorney, City Council, LAFD, Neighborhood Councils, Planning, LAPD, LADOT
		Sharon Douglas	\$3,000	Ava Hollywood		
9. Englander Knabe & Allen on behalf of LaTerra Properties	\$134,969	TChoi and Associates	\$45,173	1350 N. Western/ 1350 N. Western, Los Angeles	City Council, Building and Safety	
			\$40,120	Pinnacle 360 Hoover/235 N. Hoover, Los Angeles	City Council, Building and Safety, Planning, LAPD	
			\$32,329	4850 Hollywood Blvd./4850 Hollywood Blvd.	City Council, Building and Safety	
			\$17,347	1100 W. Temple/ 1100 W. Temple	City Council, Building and Safety, Planning	
10. Hudson Pacific Properties, Inc	\$116,180	Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP	\$63,065	Sunset Bronson Studios [CPC2010-1767-CU-SPR-GB]	Planning	
			\$53,115	Sunset - Gower	Planning	

F. Fundraising

Lobbying entities are required to disclose the fundraising they engage in on behalf of elected City officials, candidates, and committees. Of the 634 third-quarter lobbying entities, 14 (2.2 percent) reported fundraising activity totaling \$51,850. A breakdown of the third-quarter fundraising activity as reported by these seven lobbying firms and seven lobbyists is provided in the table below. Entities that reported identical amounts for the same candidate or officeholder may have served as co-hosts for the same fundraising event.

FUNDRAISING 2017 Q3			
Rank & Total Raised	Name of Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipients
1. \$12,450	Glaser, Weil, Fink, Howard, Avchen & Shapiro, LLP	Firm	Re-Elect Mike Feuer City Attorney 2017 \$8,150 Monica Rodriguez for City Council 2017 – General \$2,600 Councilmember Monica Rodriguez 2017 – Officeholder Account..... \$1,700
2. \$7,500	M Advisors LLC	Firm	Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015 Officeholder..... \$7,500
3. \$6,600	Veronica Perez & Associates	Firm	Councilmember Monica Rodriguez 2017 – Officeholder Account..... \$3,300 Monica Rodriguez for City Council..... \$3,300
4. \$6,500	Afriat Consulting Group Inc	Firm	Huizar Officeholder Account \$3,200 Councilmember Monica Rodriguez 2017 – Officeholder Account..... \$2,100 Monica Rodriguez for City Council 2017 – General \$1,200
5. \$4,000	Englander Knabe and Allen	Firm	Huizar Officeholder Account \$3,200 Wesson Officeholder Account..... \$800
6. \$2,400	James Santa Maria	Lobbyist	Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015 Officeholder..... \$2,400
7. \$2,400	The Santa Maria Group	Firm	Harris-Dawson for City Council 2015 Officeholder..... \$2,400
8. \$1,600	Jeffrey S. McConnell	Lobbyist	Huizar Officeholder Account \$800 Wesson Officeholder Account..... \$800
9. \$1,600	Eric W. Rose	Lobbyist	Huizar Officeholder Account \$1,600
10. \$1,500	Arnie Berghoff & Associates	Firm	Huizar Officeholder Account \$800 Monica Rodriguez for City Council 2017 – General \$700
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13. \$1,500	Deane Leavenworth	Lobbyist	Huizar Officeholder Account \$800 Monica Rodriguez for City Council 2017 – General \$700
14. \$800	Harvey A. Englander	Lobbyist	Huizar Officeholder Account \$800

G. Contributions

Lobbying entities must also report on a quarterly basis the contributions they make or deliver or for which they act as intermediaries.

A lobbying entity delivers a contribution for another person when the lobbying entity causes the contribution to be mailed or physically conveyed to the recipient. A lobbying entity is an intermediary for a contribution when the lobbying entity makes the contribution, itself, on behalf of another party who then reimburses the lobbying entity. The identity of a person for whom a lobbying entity acts as an intermediary must be disclosed.

Certain contributions are prohibited. Lobbyists and lobbying firms may not make contributions to elected City officials, candidates, or their City-controlled committees if they are required to be registered to lobby the City office the official or candidate holds or seeks. This ban does not extend to lobbyist employers.

In the third quarter, two lobbyist employers reported making a combined \$6,300 in contributions. These contributions are detailed in the following table.

MADE CONTRIBUTIONS 2017 Q3			
Rank & Total Delivered	Name of Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipients
1. \$4,000	Laborers Local 300	Employer	<i>Councilmember Cedillo Officeholder Account 2013</i> \$800 <i>Huizar Officeholder Account</i> \$800 <i>Joe Buscaino for City Council, 2011, Officeholder</i> \$800 <i>Krekorian for City Council 2009 - Officeholder</i> \$800 <i>Wesson Officeholder Account</i> \$800
2. \$2,300	Building Industry Association – Los Angeles/Ventura Chapter	Employer	<i>Councilmember Monica Rodriguez 2017 – Officeholder Account</i> \$800 <i>Huizar Officeholder Account</i> \$800 <i>Cedillo for City Council General 2017</i> \$700

Also during the reporting period, five lobbying firms, four lobbyists, and one lobbyist employer reported delivering \$29,300 in contributions to the committees of four City officeholders and one candidate for City office.

DELIVERED CONTRIBUTIONS 2017 Q3			
Total Made	Name of Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipients
1. \$8,100	Afriat Consulting Group Inc	Firm	<i>Huizar Officeholder Account</i>\$3,200 <i>Councilmember Monica Rodriguez 2017 – Officeholder Account</i>\$2,100 <i>Monica Rodriguez for City Council 2017 – General</i>\$1,900 <i>Councilmember O'Farrell Officeholder Account 2013</i> \$900

DELIVERED CONTRIBUTIONS 2017 Q3 (cont'd)				
Total Made	Name of Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipients	
2. \$7,100	Kindel Gagan	Firm	Huizar Officeholder Account\$4,800 Wesson Officeholder Account.....\$1,600 Karo Torossian for Council 2017-General..... \$700	
3. \$4,000	Englander Knabe and Allen	Firm	Huizar Officeholder Account\$3,200 Wesson Officeholder Account..... \$800	
4. \$1,600	Central City Association	Employer	Councilmember Monica Rodriguez 2017 – Officeholder Account..... \$800 Huizar Officeholder Account \$800	
5. \$1,600	Jeffrey S. McConnell	Lobbyist	Huizar Officeholder Account \$800 Wesson Officeholder Account..... \$800	
6. \$1,600	Eric W. Rose	Lobbyist	Huizar Officeholder Account\$1,600	
7. \$1,600	Urban Solutions, LLC	Firm*	Wesson Officeholder Account.....\$1,600	
8. \$1,500	Beverly Kenworthy	Lobbyist	Councilmember Monica Rodriguez 2017 – Officeholder Account..... \$800 Monica Rodriguez for City Council 2017 – General \$700	
9. \$1,400	Ken Spiker and Assoc	Firm	Monica Rodriguez for City Council.....\$1,400	
10. \$800	Harvey A. Englander	Lobbyist	Huizar Officeholder Account \$800	

*Sole proprietor

H. Activity Expenses

Lobbying entities are required to report the payments they make to benefit City officials and their immediate family members. LAMC §§ 48.08(B)(4)–(5), 48.08(C)(5)–(6), 48.08(D)(7)–(8). Activity expenses include gifts, and they must be itemized if they are valued at \$25 or more. *Id.*; LAMC § 48.02.

Just as lobbyists and lobbying firms cannot make certain campaign contributions, they also cannot make gifts to City officials. Gifts from lobbyist employers are not prohibited, but they may not exceed \$100 per City official per year. As noted in the table on the following pages, five lobbyist employers reported itemized activity expenses totaling \$1,292 in the third quarter of 2017.

ACTIVITY EXPENSES 2017 Q3					
Total	Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipient	Description	Value
1. \$1,055	Hollywood Chamber of Commerce	Employer	Eva Bitar Citywide Film Liaison Public Works Board	Hollywood Chamber of Commerce Breakfast with the Mayor event	\$75

ACTIVITY EXPENSES 2017 Q3 (cont'd)

Total	Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipient	Description	Value
	Hollywood Chamber of Commerce		Kevin James <i>President</i> Public Works Board	Hollywood Chamber of Commerce Breakfast with the Mayor event	\$75
	(continued from previous page)		Erica Liepmann <i>Staff</i> Office of the Mayor	Hollywood Chamber of Commerce Breakfast with the Mayor event	\$75
			Pooham Narewatt <i>Staff</i> Office of the Mayor	Hollywood Chamber of Commerce Breakfast with the Mayor event	\$75
			Sumi Parekh <i>Staff</i> Office of the Mayor	Hollywood Chamber of Commerce Breakfast with the Mayor event	\$75
			Robert Park <i>President</i> Office of the Mayor	Hollywood Chamber of Commerce Breakfast with the Mayor event	\$75
			Nicole Carcel <i>City Attorney Admin Coordinator II</i> Office of the City Attorney	Hollywood Chamber Anniversary Party	\$55
			Paul Koretz <i>Council Member</i> Council District 4	Hollywood Chamber Anniversary Party	\$55
			Catherine Landers <i>Field Deputy</i> Council District 14	Hollywood Chamber Anniversary Party	\$55
			Greg Martayan <i>Staff</i> Council District 5	Hollywood Chamber Anniversary Party	\$55
			Robert Park <i>Staff</i> Office of the Mayor	Hollywood Chamber Anniversary Party	\$55
			Marisol Rodriguez <i>District Director</i> Council District 13	Hollywood Chamber Anniversary Party	\$55
			Eva Bitar <i>Citywide Film Liaison</i> Public Works Board	Hollywood Chamber State of the State with Kevin DeLeon event	\$55

ACTIVITY EXPENSES 2017 Q3 (cont'd)						
Total	Lobbying Entity	Type of Entity	Recipient	Description	Value	
	Hollywood Chamber of Commerce (continued from previous page)		Julia Duncan <i>Staff</i> Council District 4	Hollywood Chamber of the State with Kevin Deleon event	\$55	
			George Hakopiants <i>Staff</i> Council District 13	Hollywood Chamber of the State with Kevin Deleon event	\$55	
			Kevin James <i>President</i> Public Works Board	Hollywood Chamber of the State with Kevin Deleon event	\$55	
			Marisol Rodriguez <i>District Director</i> Council District 13	Hollywood Chamber of the State with Kevin Deleon event	\$55	
2.	\$135	University of Southern California	Employer	Kevin James <i>President</i> Public Works Board	Football party tickets	\$100
				Paul Krekorian <i>Council Member</i> Council District 2	Football party tickets	\$35
3.	\$37	So Cal Gas Co (a Sempra Energy Utility)	Employer	Marisol Rodriguez <i>District Director</i> Council District 13	Lunch (Sugarfish)	\$37
4.	\$35	Building Industry Association - Los Angeles/Ventura Chapter	Employer	Gil Cedillo <i>Council Member</i> Council District 1	Housing CA Families Lunch	\$35
5.	\$30	Pacific Merchant Shipping Association	Employer	David Reich <i>Deputy Director of International Trade</i> Office of the Mayor	Lunch (Bar Ama)	\$30

I. Public Access

Detailed information about lobbying entities and their clients is available on the lobbying page of the Ethics Commission's web site. Our electronic filing system is instantly updated when a registration occurs or a quarterly report is filed. Registration statements and quarterly reports may be viewed online, and the public can also conduct queries to retrieve specific information about lobbying entities and their activities.

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