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**OVER \$14 MILLION SPENT TO LOBBY
CITY AGENCIES IN FOURTH QUARTER OF 2015**

Entities registered to lobby City agencies reported receiving payments totaling over \$14 million in the fourth quarter of 2015, according to a report on the Ethics Commission's agenda today.

Reports filed by lobbying entities disclosed that clients paid a total of \$14,049,045 to lobby the City during the fourth quarter. Out of a total of 1,519 registered clients for the fourth quarter, the lobbying clients who made the ten largest aggregated payments for lobbying services during the quarter include Townscape Partners; Larchmont Village Partners One LLC; Regency Outdoor Advertising, Inc.; iHeartMedia, Inc., Clear Channel Outdoor, and Affiliated Entities; Hudson Capital LLC; Holland Partners; AEG; Champion Real Estate Company; CH Palladium, LLC; and Atlas Capital Group. During the fourth quarter, these clients reported total payments ranging from \$94,676 to \$362,629. In total, these payments represented 11.9 percent of all payments by clients for the quarter.

The ten lobbying firms receiving the most client payments in the fourth quarter of 2015 were Arnie Berghoff & Associates; Glaser, Weil, Fink, Howard, Avchen & Shapiro, LLP; Kindel Gagan; Afriat Consulting Group Inc; Ek & Ek; Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP; Craig Lawson & Co., LLC; Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac LLP; Liner LLP; and Englander Knabe and Allen. These firms reported receiving total payments from clients ranging from \$363,540 to \$1,125,448 for the quarter. Together, these lobbying firms received a total of \$6,727,769 from their clients, representing 47.9 percent of all client payments received in the fourth quarter of 2015.

In addition to payments from clients, 24 of the 625 registered lobbying entities reported fundraising activity totaling \$272,175 for City campaigns, officeholders, and committees. The full report on fourth-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.

The City 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.