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OVER \$10.3 MILLION SPENT TO LOBBY CITY HALL IN SECOND QUARTER

Entities registered to lobby City agencies reported receiving payments in excess of \$10.3 million to lobby City agencies in the second quarter of 2013, according to a report presented to the City Ethics Commission at its meeting yesterday.

Reports filed by lobbying entities indicate that clients paid a total of \$10,354,414 to lobby the City during the second quarter. The clients that paid the most for lobbying services during the quarter include Clear Channel Outdoor; Target Corporation; Champion Real Estate Company; Summit Media, LLC; JMB Realty Corporation; iStar Financial, Inc.; NBCUniversal Media, LLC; Coalition to Save the Westside; and M David Paul. The ten largest payments were made by these clients, ranging from \$110,134 to \$208,517 and, together, represented 13 percent of total payments by clients.

The ten lobbying firms that received the most client payments for the second quarter of 2013 were Armbruster Goldsmith & Delvac LLP; Ek & Ek; Englander, Knabe and Allen; Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP; Craig Lawson & Co., LLC; Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP; Mayer Brown LLP; Latham & Watkins LLP; Afriat Consulting Group Inc.; and Arnie Berghoff & Associates. Together, these lobbying firms received \$5,547,440 in client payments, representing 54 percent of the \$10,354,414 second-quarter total.

In addition to payments from clients, lobbying entities must also disclose fundraising activity. Lobbying entities reported that they raised a total of \$393,128 for City campaigns and officeholders and delivered a total of \$232,113 in contributions during the second quarter.

For the second quarter of 2013, 100 percent of lobbying entities have complied with the reporting requirement. Lobbying reports, searchable information about lobbying entities and their clients, and the full report on second-quarter lobbying activities are available at ethics.lacity.org or by contacting the Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960.

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.