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**ETHICS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES SETTLEMENT
WITH LOBBYING FIRM GORTON, MOORE & MULANIX
CONCERNING LATE FILING OF DISCLOSURE REPORTS**

Stacey Fulhorst, Executive Director of the City of San Diego Ethics Commission, announced today the Commission's approval of a stipulated settlement agreement with Gorton, Moore & Mulanix, a lobbying firm registered with the City of San Diego. The firm has agreed to pay a fine of \$500 for failing to timely file its quarterly disclosure reports for the first and second quarters of 2008.

Ms. Fulhorst noted that the firm's first quarter report was due on April 30, 2008, but was not filed until November 13, 2008. Additionally, the firm's second quarter report was due on July 31, 2008, but was not filed until September 23, 2008. She pointed out that the timely disclosure of compensated lobbying activities is one of the most important aspects of the City's laws. Moreover, she noted that the City Clerk's Office sent the firm numerous reminder notices, both before and after the various filing deadlines.

Ethics Commission fines are paid to the City of San Diego's General Fund. The stipulated settlements approved by the Commission resolve all factual and legal issues without the necessity of holding an administrative hearing.

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