

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO
ETHICS COMMISSION**

Office of the Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 6, 2016

TO: Chair and Members of the San Diego Ethics Commission

FROM: Stacey Fulhorst, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Summary of Lobbying Activity in 2015
Docketed for Ethics Commission meeting on May 12, 2016

The Commission staff has reviewed the registration forms and quarterly disclosure reports filed by lobbying firms and organization lobbyists for calendar year 2015, and has compiled the summary set forth below concerning lobbying and related activities during this period.

Registration

During the 2015 calendar year, 80 lobbying firms and 60 organization lobbyists registered a total of 401 individual lobbyists with the City Clerk.

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

During 2015, lobbying firms reported receiving a total of \$3,796,892 from their clients, and organization lobbyists reported making a total of 1,573 lobbying contacts with high-level City Officials. A quarterly breakdown is as follows:

<u>2015 Calendar Quarter</u>	<u>Amount Earned by Firms</u>	<u>Contacts by Organizations</u>
January – March	\$ 981,553	444
April – June	\$ 913,963	471
July – September	\$ 709,732	290
October – December	\$ 1,191,644	368

Disclosure of Campaign-Related Activities

The quarterly disclosure reports filed during 2015 indicate that lobbyist-related campaign contributions to City candidates and committees primarily formed to support/oppose City candidates totaled \$238,714, and that lobbying firms and organization lobbyists disclosed

\$1,641,940 in fundraising activities for City candidates and committees formed to support/oppose City candidates. A breakdown of lobbyist campaign activity by quarter is as follows:

<u>2015 Calendar Quarter</u>	<u>Campaign Contributions</u>	<u>Fundraising Activities</u>
January – March	\$ 5,006	\$ 49,164
April – June	\$ 139,557	\$ 1,215,178
July – September	\$ 30,055	\$ 91,389
October – December	\$ 64,096	\$ 286,209

It should be noted that the definition of “fundraising” is limited to: (1) funds personally delivered to a City candidate; and (2) contributions a lobbyist has taken some credit for raising with the candidate or the candidate’s controlled committee.

For comparison purposes, please see the attached report on lobbying and related activity from the 2014 calendar year.

Stacey Fulhorst
Executive Director

Attachment

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**CITY OF SAN DIEGO
ETHICS COMMISSION**

Office of the Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 17, 2015

TO: Chair and Members of the San Diego Ethics Commission

FROM: Stacey Fulhorst, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Summary of Lobbying Activity in 2014
Docketed for Ethics Commission meeting on May 14, 2015

The Commission staff has reviewed the registration forms and quarterly disclosure reports filed by lobbying firms and organization lobbyists for calendar year 2014, and has compiled the summary set forth below concerning lobbying and related activities during this period.

Registration

During the 2014 calendar year, 83 lobbying firms and 58 organization lobbyists registered a total of 385 individual lobbyists with the City Clerk.

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

During 2014, lobbying firms reported receiving a total of \$3,919,456 from their clients, and organization lobbyists reported making a total of 2,228 lobbying contacts with high-level City Officials. A quarterly breakdown is as follows:

<u>2014 Calendar Quarter</u>	<u>Amount Earned by Firms</u>	<u>Contacts by Organizations</u>
January – March	\$ 712,900	663
April – June	\$ 894,917	678
July – September	\$ 966,178	544
October – December	\$ 1,345,461	343

Disclosure of Campaign-Related Activities

The quarterly disclosure reports filed during 2014 indicate that lobbyist-related campaign contributions to City candidates and committees primarily formed to support/oppose City candidates totaled \$273,706, and that lobbying firms and organization lobbyists disclosed

\$2,673,673 in fundraising activities for City candidates and committees formed to support/oppose City candidates. A breakdown of lobbyist campaign activity by quarter is as follows:

<u>2014 Calendar Quarter</u>	<u>Campaign Contributions</u>	<u>Fundraising Activities</u>
January – March	\$ 112,654	\$ 1,996,341
April – June	\$ 75,805	\$ 251,249
July – September	\$ 61,197	\$ 351,191
October – December	\$ 24,050	\$ 74,892

It should be noted that the definition of “fundraising” is limited to: (1) funds personally delivered to a City candidate; and (2) contributions a lobbyist has taken some credit for raising with the candidate or the candidate’s controlled committee.

For comparison purposes, please see the attached report on lobbying and related activity from the 2013 calendar year.

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Executive Director

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