

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## EXECUTIVE OFFICE



SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

April 12, 2007

TO: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chair  
Supervisor Gloria Molina  
Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke  
Supervisor Don Knabe  
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

FROM: Sachi A. Hamai  
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: ITEM 17 ON THE APRIL 17, 2007 AGENDA  
RE: LOBBYIST ORDINANCE PENALTY ASSESSMENTS

Item 17 on Tuesday's agenda pertains to violations of the County lobbyist ordinance by U.S. Metals. U.S. Metals is a Lobbyist Employer that registered with my office pursuant to Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code, the lobbyist ordinance. U.S. Metals has failed to file their quarterly lobbying activity report for the period of October 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 pursuant to Section 2.160.080 despite numerous contacts made by my office. U.S. Metals' quarterly report was required to be filed with my office no later than Wednesday, January 31, 2007.

Attachments to my Board letter describe each contact that members of my staff had with U.S. Metals regarding their filing obligation. These contacts, numbering three, began December 27, 2006 and continued through March 5, 2007. The written contacts made by my office were made in accordance with the Lobbyist Rules adopted by your Board (Rule 7.0 – Failure to File a Quarterly Report, attached).

U.S. Metals has not filed their quarterly lobbying activity report nor paid the necessary filing fee of \$15 or the \$250 fine imposed by my office on March 15, 2007. To date, attempts by my office to obtain the quarterly lobbying activity report, filing fee and fine payment from U.S. Metals have been unsuccessful.

Each Supervisor  
April 12, 2007  
Page 2

In accordance with the lobbying ordinance, my recommendation on Tuesday's agenda is that your Board (1) direct County Counsel to bring civil action against U.S. Metals in the amount of \$2,000; (2) bar U.S. Metals from being granted a County contract, permit, grant, license or franchise and terminate their registration until they have fully complied with the requirements of the lobbying ordinance; and (3) notify all County Department and District Heads of your Board's action.

If you require any additional information with respect to this matter, please call me or your staff may contact Mark Sandoval at extension 4-1432.

SAH:gb

Attachment

- c. Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel  
Mark Sandoval, Executive Office

S:Lobbyist/Lobbyist/Letters/BD Ltr Final Action/U.S. Metals/Notice to Sups

Section 7.0 Failure to File a Quarterly Report

7.1 If a filer fails to file a report by the deadline, the Executive officer shall send the filer a notice that he or she is not in compliance with the lobbyist ordinance and notify the filer that he or she will be subject to a fine of \$250 if the report is not filed within 10 days from the date of the letter.

7.2 If a filer fails to file his or her report with the Executive Officer by the date specified pursuant to Section 7.1, the Executive Officer shall send the filer a letter notifying him or her that a fine of \$250 has been assessed and that the filer may be subject to additional penalties, at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors, including an additional fine of up to \$2,000 if the quarterly report and payment of the \$250 fine are not submitted to the Executive Officer within 14 days after the date of the letter.

7.3 If the filer fails to file pursuant to the deadline prescribed in Section 7.2, the Executive Officer shall submit a report to the Board of Supervisors stating the facts surrounding the filer's failure to comply with the ordinance and recommending appropriate sanctions in accordance with the ordinance.