COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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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 15 ON THE JULY 17, 2007 AGENDA
RE: LOBBYIST ORDINANCE PENALTY ASSESSMENTS

Item 15 on Tuesday's agenda pertains to violations of the County lobbyist ordinance by Maximus, Inc. a Lobbyist Employer that registered with my office pursuant to Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code. Despite multiple contacts by my office, Maximus, Inc. failed to file their quarterly lobbying activity report for the period January 1, 2007 through March 31, 2007 pursuant to Section 2.160.080. Maximus Inc. was required to file a quarterly activity report with my office no later than Monday, April 30, 2007.

Attachments to my Board letter describe these occasions when members of my staff contacted Maximus, Inc. regarding their filing obligation. These contacts began March 22, 2007 and continued through June 6, 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).

In addition, Maximus, Inc. has not paid the required filing fee of $15 or the $250 fine imposed by my office on May 25, 2007. To date, attempts by my office to obtain the quarterly lobbying activity report, filing fee and fine payment from Maximus, Inc. have been unsuccessful.

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 Maximus, Inc. in the amount of $2,000; (2) bar Maximus, Inc. 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 Don Garcia, Chief Conflict of Interest/Lobbyist Division at 4-1578.

SAH:gb

Attachment

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Don Garcia, Executive Office

S:Lobbyist/Lobbyist/Letters/BD Ltr Final Action/Maximus/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.