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LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - All Filers Are Required To Complete This Page

1. Registrant Name: THELEN REID BROWN RAYSMAN & STEINER 701 EIGHTH STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20001 3. Principal place of business (if different from line 2): City: New York State/Zip(or Country): NY 10022 4. Contact Name: RACHEL LIPMAN Telephone: 2025084133 E-mail (optional): rlipman@thelen.com Senate ID #: 32998-2094 House ID #: 7. Client Name: Self CITY OF ABILENE TX TYPE OF REPORT ____ Midyear (January 1 - June 30): 🔲 OR Year End (July 1 - December 31): 🔀 8. Year 2006 9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report: 10. Check if this is a Termination Report: => Termination Date: 11. No Lobbying Activity: 🔲 INCOME OR EXPENSES Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13 12. Lobbying Firms INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was: Less than \$10,000: \$10,000 or more: X => Income (nearest \$20,000): 20,000.00 Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client). 13. Organizations EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were: Less than \$10,000: \$10,000 or more: => Expenses (nearest \$20,000); 14. Reporting Method. Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options. Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only

Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

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Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed

- 15. General issue area code: AVI (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:

Funding for airport projects.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: LEIDL, RICHARD J. Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: MECHAM, JOSHUA Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. None

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15. General issue area code: BUD (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Funding for various projects.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: LEIDL, RICHARD J. Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: MECHAM, JOSHUA Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. None

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- 15. General issue area code: CAW (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:

Funding for water projects

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: LEIDL, RICHARD J. Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: MECHAM, JOSHUA Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. None

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- 15. General issue area code: DIS (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:

Funding for Flood Map Project and Flood Prevention Project

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: LEIDL, RICHARD J. Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: MECHAM, JOSHUA Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. None

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- 15. General issue area code: ECN (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:

Funding for economic development project

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: LEIDL, RICHARD J. Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: MECHAM, JOSHUA Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. None

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- 15. General issue area code: EDU (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:

Funding for educational projects.

- 17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: None
- 18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: LEIDL, RICHARD J. Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: MECHAM, JOSHUA Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. None

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- 15. General issue area code: GOV (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:

Census issues

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: Bureau of the Census HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: LEIDL, RICHARD J. Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. None

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15. General issue area code: LAW (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Funding for law enforcement projects.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Justice, Dept of (DOJ) SENATE

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: LEIDL, RICHARD J.
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: MECHAM, JOSHUA
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: MODLIN, RYAN
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. None

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- 15. General issue area code: TRA (one per page)
- 16. Specific lobbying issues:
- FY 2007 Transportation Appropriations Bill Funding for road and bus projects
- 17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SENATE
- 18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: LEIDL, RICHARD J. Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A Name: MECHAM, JOSHUA Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. None

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15. General issue area code: VET (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Funding for cemetary

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted: HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SENATE Veterans Affairs, Dept of (VA)

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: LEIDL, RICHARD J. Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. None

Signature: ON FILE Date: Feb 13, 2007

Printed Name and Title: RICHARD LEIDL, PARTNER +

Information Update Page:

Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.

LOBBYIST UPDATE

23. Name of each previously reported individual who is NO LONGER expected to act as a lobbyist for the client

ISSUE UPDATE

24. General lobbying issues previously reported that NO LONGER pertain

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

25. Add the following organization(s)

26. Name of each previously reported organization that is NO LONGER affiliated with the registrant or client

FOREIGN ENTITIES

27. Add the following foreign entities

28. Name of each previously reported foreign entity the NO LONGER owns, OR controls, OR is affiliated with the registrant, client or affiliated organization

Signature: ON FILE Date: Feb 13, 2007

Printed Name and Title: -