



NEWS FROM CITY CONTROLLER LAURA CHICK

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CHICK MAKES FIRST EVER OPEN CALL FOR CANDIDATES FOR CITY ETHICS COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Los Angeles – Citing the need for “a constant stream of new voices and leadership in City Hall,” City Controller Laura Chick is making an open call for candidates for her appointment to the City Ethics Commission.

“The people have the right to expect good ethical conduct from those in City government. Setting a sound ethics policy is the foundation for that. The City Ethics Commission was created by the voters to be the central force in reforming and overseeing Los Angeles’ ethics, campaign finance and lobbying laws,” said City Controller Laura Chick.

“This very public search is opening up the otherwise closed corridors of City Hall. I am casting a very wide net by reaching out to the people of Los Angeles who are often unaware of the many City Commissions in which they are eligible to serve,” said Chick.

Ethics Commission Members must be registered to vote in the City of Los Angeles. During their tenure, a Commission member may not hold any other public office, participate in or contribute to a City election campaign or to a City official running for any elective office, or employ or be employed as a person required to register as a lobbyist with the City of Los Angeles. Commission members must wait two years after

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their term expires to run for City elective office if the Commission made any decision on that elective office during the term of the Commissioner. The Mayor, City Attorney, Controller, Council President and Council President Pro-Tem each have an appointment to the five member Commission, subject to Council approval.

“I am looking for a strong independent voice who has a proven record of leadership and civic involvement. The ideal person is someone who shares my deep commitment to clearly defined ethics laws, reform of the campaign finance system, (emphasizing disclosure and transparency, and strong and timely enforcement), and a level playing field,” said Chick.

The Commission appointment is to a five year term which is uncompensated.

Those who wish to apply should send a cover letter and resume to:

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The Los Angeles City Ethics Commission is a semi-independent agency created by the voters in 1990 to administer and enforce the ethics, campaign finance, and lobbying laws of the City of Los Angeles. In addition to conducting training programs, providing advice, auditing political campaigns and making legislative recommendations, the Commission is charged with conducting investigations and levying administrative penalties against violators. Since its inception, the agency has levied more than \$1 million in penalties.

Chick's appointment will take office on July 1, 2003 for a five year term to the Commission. More details on the search can be found at www.lacity.org/ctr

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