



# NEWS FROM

## CITY CONTROLLER LAURA CHICK

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### **CHICK ANNOUNCES AUDIT OF DWP PUBLIC BENEFITS PROGRAM**

#### **Utility Will Pay Costs For Outside Audit**

Los Angeles – City Controller Laura Chick has announced an outside audit of the Department of Water and Power’s \$60 million public benefits program.

Chick spoke before the City Council’s Audits and Governmental Efficiency Committee on the invoices she forwarded to the Council from the DWP for sponsorships, VIP receptions, concerts, parties, luncheons, tickets and tables. The Controller began sending the invoices to the Council per the City Charter after the DWP was unable to answer fundamental questions relative to the appropriateness of these expenditures.

“The invoices before you today are only a small part of a much bigger picture. That is why today I am announcing an audit of the DWP’s \$60 million public benefits program. The review will be conducted by an outside auditor and overseen by my office. I am pleased that David Wiggs, General Manager, has agreed to have the DWP finance the costs for the audit,” Chick told the committee.

The audit report is slated for release within the next few months.

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