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CHICK TESTIFIES BEFORE ETHICS COMMISSION
URGES ACTION ON COMMISSIONER BAN ON FUNDRAISING FOR
INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES

Los Angeles – Urging action in time to impact the up-coming City elections, City Controller Laura Chick testified before the City Ethics Commission in support of a ban on City Commissioners raising money for independent expenditure committees.

“This is the next big piece of the puzzle in campaign finance reform in our City. We recently banned City Commissioners from fundraising for City election campaigns. However, that did not include independent expenditure committees, and it should. This type of funding is providing increasingly large amounts of money, and has very little transparency, and few controls.”

“The people of Los Angeles deserve the safeguards to help make this the cleanest big city in America, this proposal will go a long way in doing that. This will also relieve our hard working, volunteer Commissioners from the burden of fundraising for campaigns,” said Chick.

Last year, Chick released audits showing serious problems with the contracting processes at the Los Angeles Airport Department and Port of Los Angeles. Chick conducted a parallel investigation, at the Airport, which she submitted to the Los Angeles District Attorney and United States Attorney.

Shortly after the release of the audit, Chick pushed for ethics reforms to ban Commissioners from fundraising for City campaigns. The law, authored by Councilmembers Miscikowski and Greuel, passed the Council unanimously and was signed into law by the Mayor.

Elected City Controller in 2001, Chick has worked diligently with the mandate of the new City Charter to save taxpayer dollars, improve city services, eliminate waste and open up the City's books to greater public scrutiny.

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