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CHICK TAPS ONE OF LA COUNTY'S TOP AUDITORS

Los Angeles – In keeping with her ongoing efforts to improve City services, City Controller Laura Chick has announced that she has tapped Los Angeles County's Director of Auditing, to join her auditing operation.

"I am so pleased that DeWitt Roberts will be joining my audit team as one of its Deputy Directors. He is a distinguished and accomplished professional. This is another important part of my building an innovative, experienced and top-notch auditing division and giving the taxpayers of Los Angeles the best bang for their buck," said Chick.

Roberts has over 20 years experience in the auditing field, 18 of which were at the management level. He is a CPA and the former Director of Auditing for the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller's Office.

In addition, Sara Kickliter, Julie Ratcliff, Rahoof Yewole, Ricky Deguchi, and Kenneth Wong will be joining the Controller's Office as auditors. Kickliter is a former Bank Examiner with the Federal Reserve Bank in New York, and Ratcliff is a former auditor with the New York City Department of Investigations. All CPAs, Oyewole and Deguchi were auditors with the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller, and Wong was an auditor with the California State University System.

Chick has released over 70 audits since she became City Controller on July 1, 2001. The audits, including those at the Airport, Water and Power and Harbor Departments, have spurred County and Federal investigations.

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 the City's books. The complete audit reports can be accessed on Chick's web site at www.lacity.org/ctr.