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**CHICK APPLAUDS COUNCIL COMMITTEE'S EFFORTS TO**  
**CREATE "CONTROLLER'S FRAUD UNIT"**

Los Angeles – Calling it, "...an important step forward in cleaning up our government," City Controller Laura Chick hailed the unanimous passage by the City Council's Audits and Governmental Efficiency Committee of the creation of the City Controller's Fraud Unit.

"As a dark cloud hangs over the City of Los Angeles, this is an important step forward in cleaning up our government. During the year since I turned over information to the Los Angeles County District and U.S. Attorneys on problems with how the City does contracting, I have received a deluge of credible and helpful whistleblower tips. This Fraud Unit will assist in handling the burgeoning whistleblower caseload," said Chick.

The motion to create the Controller's Fraud Unit was authored by Councilmembers Greuel, Villaraigosa and Weiss. With today's approval, the motion is now sent to the City Council's Budget and Finance Committee.

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 fraud and open up the City's books. To access her website, visit [www.Lacity.org/ctr](http://www.Lacity.org/ctr).

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