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CHICK FINDS REC AND PARKS HOLDING ON TO \$21 MILLION

\$2 MILLION IN PARKING OPERATIONS REVENUE NOT GOING TO YOUTH

Los Angeles – In releasing the first of three audits of the City’s Recreation and Parks, City Controller Laura Chick has found that the Department is stockpiling millions of dollars in a special fund.

“My audit found a woeful lack of oversight of Recreation and Parks’ Municipal Recreation Fund. This account was created to collect fees from participants to cover the direct cost of providing programs. It appears that these monies are not always used for their intended purpose. Most puzzling is that \$21.5 million has been accumulating over the last several years,” Chick wrote in a letter to the City’s elected leadership.

“The Department has also failed to transfer over \$2 million from the revenues of its Pershing Square parking operations to programs for youth who live in the downtown area. How can this happen? This is a population that needs more services not less!,” continued Chick.

Chick will be releasing an additional two audits of Recreation and Parks by the end of the year. They include an analysis of facility maintenance, and a report on recreational activities and programs.

“Program fees for the same recreational services vary dramatically among facilities throughout Los Angeles. Since fees are designed to recover direct costs, why should it cost more money to play baseball in one park instead of another?,” asked Chick.

The full report, as well as all audits by the Controller’s Office, can be accessed at www.lacity.org/ctr.

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