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CONTROLLER FINDS CITY LOSING MILLIONS **DUE TO BROKEN PARKING METERS**

LOS ANGELES – In the first ever survey of parking meters, City Controller Laura Chick has found that the City is potentially losing millions in revenue due to the lack of timely maintenance of its parking meters.

“Our survey found that 10% of the City’s parking meters were inoperable. This means that the City’s parking meter operation is not properly serving the community by increasing parking availability and generating needed revenue for public services,” said Chick.

The sample survey of City parking meters was conducted earlier this year by Chick’s office.

“The Los Angeles Department of Transportation has stated that the City’s meters are capable of functioning with a failure rate as low as 2%. However, our survey showed that the failure was five times that rate. If the City increases its operable meter inventory by 5%, it would generate another \$1 million dollars in revenue for the City. With an ever tightening budget, I know that we could put those funds to good use for our communities and neighborhoods,” said Chick.

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 ITA audit as well as all of the Controller’s audits and reports can be accessed on her web site at www.lacity.org/ctr.

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