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CHICK CALLS FOR COUNCIL ACTION TO STOP **DWP PR SPREE**

LOS ANGELES – City Controller Laura Chick has called for the City Council to take immediate action to veto a one year 2.4 million dollar public relations contract, with a one year option for renewal, for the Department of Water and Power’s Green Power Program. Chick and Mayor James Hahn had asked the Board of Water and Power to not go forward on the contract until the Controller’s audit of the Green Power program was completed in July.

“In the name of good government and common sense I ask the City Council to vote to veto this multi-million dollar PR contract. This should not go forward until my audit of Green Power is completed in July. To do so would defy logic and defy the people of Los Angeles,” said Chick.

The Board of Water and Power Commissioners voted this afternoon to approve the multi-million dollar contract with Lee Andrews Public Relations.

Under the City Charter, Section 245, the Council has five meeting days to act and would require a two-thirds vote to bring the contract before them. At such time the Council would have 21 calendar days to take up the issue of the contract and would need a two-thirds vote to veto the Board’s action.

“Why would anyone be in a rush to spend so much of the people’s money before all the facts are in? I’m beginning to wonder if there are forces that don’t want the public to have the facts before the dollars are spent,” said Chick.

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