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## CITY CONTROLLER LAURA N. CHICK

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**CHICK CALLS FOR EXPEDITIOUS CITY COUNCIL HEARINGS  
ON ANTI-GANG BLUEPRINT  
*Report Gathers Momentum and Support  
From Governor and Other California Leaders***

Los Angeles— Saying that, “We cannot afford delays at this crucial time in our City’s history,” City Controller Laura Chick has called for expeditious City Council hearings on her Blueprint for a Comprehensive Citywide Anti-Gang Strategy released on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Chick sent a letter on February 18<sup>th</sup> to Councilmember Tony Cardenas, Chair of the City Council’s Ad-Hoc Committee on Gang Violence and Youth Development, and in it voices her concern that the Committee had not yet scheduled a hearing on her Blueprint.

“A few weeks ago when we spoke I gave you the release date of my report and I respectfully asked you to convene a hearing of your Ad-Hoc Committee on Gang Violence and Youth Development the week following the release, similarly to how you heard the Advancement Project’s report,” wrote Chick on the 18th.

“The people of Los Angeles deserve an opportunity to have this important Blueprint heard in public. Once again I ask Councilmember Cardenas to set a date for a public presentation of this report to his Committee,” Chick reiterated today.

Chick’s continued call for hearings comes at a time when her Blueprint is garnering important widespread support from leaders across California.

"Controller Laura Chick's Blueprint underscores the importance of the multi-faceted and coordinated approach we are employing around the state, with a focus on intervention, suppression and prevention in reducing gang activity and violence. I applaud her commitment, joined by Mayor Villaraigosa and other city officials, to enact a comprehensive, citywide anti-gang strategy," said California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"As Controller Chick, Connie Rice and many others have pointed out, our gang prevention and intervention system is broken. We need more accountability, more transparency and more effectiveness -- to ensure we are spending the public's money wisely; but even more importantly to save the lives of the at-risk youth in our neighborhoods," said City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo.

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"I commend Controller Chick in her effort to help the City and County with their approach to solving the gang problem. This is a good report, and it has my full support," said Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca.

"The message from this report is that the City has to consolidate its efforts and document the results of reducing gang membership and gang violence, and increasing child safety in the hot zones. The City now has two reports indicating what needs to be done to get substantial reductions in gang violence and to increase the impact of the Mayor's office, the City Council's Ad Hoc Committee, and other City entities' current efforts to reverse this epidemic," said Connie Rice, Co-Director of the Advancement Project

The Controller's Blueprint on ending gang violence can be accessed on her web-site at [www.lacity.org/ctr](http://www.lacity.org/ctr).

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