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## CITY CONTROLLER LAURA CHICK

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**DELGADILLO SUES CHICK TO BLOCK SCRUTINY OF HIS OFFICE**  
**CHICK SAYS CITY ATTORNEY AND COUNCIL WERE**  
**WRONG MINDED NOT PUTTING ISSUE BEFORE VOTERS**

Los Angeles—Bringing about what promises to be a lengthy and costly court battle, City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo has filed suit in Los Angeles Superior Court to bar City Controller Laura Chick from auditing his multi-million dollar workers compensation program. Delgadillo has asserted that the City Controller, the taxpayer's watchdog, does not have the authority to conduct performance audits of the hundreds of millions of dollars in programs housed in elected officials' offices.

"When someone fights so hard to evade scrutiny that makes me want to go in and look even more. Mr. Delgadillo and the City Council do not want greater transparency and accountability. They killed my efforts to have this issue put before the voters in March," said Chick.

"Now that the taxpayers have been swindled out of their right to clarify their original intent on Charter Reform by voting in March, this will now be an issue decided by the Courts. Should elected officials' offices be open to the same scrutiny and transparency as the rest of City government? The answer is of course a resounding yes, and that is what I will be fighting for in court...the people's right to know," said Chick .

The battle over transparency began when Delgadillo originally blocked Chick's efforts to audit the City Attorney's workers compensation program in June. Chick withdrew her audit when City Council leaders moved to put the issue to the voters for the March citywide ballot. Nearly three months later the Council refused to take action before the deadline passed to submit measures for the election.

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