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STATEMENT BY CITY CONTROLLER LAURA CHICK

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First, I would like to offer my heartiest congratulations to Controller-elect Wendy Greuel on her overwhelming victory on Tuesday. She and I have spoken and we, as well as our offices, will be working together closely to have a seamless transition so she can hit the ground running on July 1st.

As I am close to the end of my two terms as City Controller, the most frequently asked question has been, "What are you going to do?" Many of those who have asked are encouraging me to run for the Second Council District being vacated by Ms. Greuel.

I have been humbled and honored at the outpouring of encouragement and support to run for City Council. It has been the greatest honor to serve the people of Los Angeles as an elected official for the past 16 years. However, it is time for me to move on to other challenges and frontiers; and therefore, I will not be a candidate for City Council.

Though my future plans have not been finalized, I am in the process of finding the right opportunity on which to focus my energies, passion and experience. Of course, once I have made a decision, I look forward to sharing it publicly.

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