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CHICK DENOUNCES DELGADILLO GAMES AS “A SLAP IN THE FACE TO TAXPAYERS”

Los Angeles—City Controller Laura Chick has denounced City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo's latest move to evade scrutiny of his Office.

On Friday Delgadillo tried to stall Chick's latest attempt to conduct a performance audit of his workers' compensation program. In a letter to Chick, Delgadillo wrote, "I understand that next week the City Council intends to consider proposed charter language regarding the Controller's role in auditing the performance of city programs."

The City Council recently considered a charter change, however refused to put the issue before the voters on the March 2009 City ballot. The final deadline for action has already passed.

"City Attorney Delgadillo's disingenuous letter is a slap in the face to taxpayers. The City Council had the issue before them for three months and in the end failed to give

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the voters the opportunity to clarify this issue of transparency. As the taxpayers' watchdog, I will continue to pursue conducting a performance audit of the City Attorney's multi-million dollar workers' compensation program," said Chick.

"The question before us is a simple and important one: Should the Controller be able to audit all programs of the City of Los Angeles? That's what this issue is all about—full transparency and accountability. I certainly believe the public supports scrutiny of how all of their taxpayer dollars are spent. It is unfortunate that the voters will be denied the opportunity to clarify their intentions in the upcoming March election," said Chick.

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