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06/23/2010 | City Auditor Laura Doud Announces Appointment of Assistant City Auditor Deborah Ellis To Join Long Beach City Auditor's Office

Long Beach City Auditor Laura Doud announced today the appointment of Deborah (Debbie) Ellis as Assistant City Auditor. Ms. Ellis, a Certified Public Accountant and current Chief Financial Officer of the Long Beach Public Transportation Company, will fill the position soon to be vacated by James Johnson who was recently elected to the Long Beach City Council.

Directing and coordinating audits and assisting City Auditor Doud with audit planning will be among Ms. Ellis' responsibilities. "If there was ever the right person at the right time for the right job, it is Debbie Ellis," said City Auditor Doud. "Debbie's experience, professional expertise, and analytical skills will be a tremendous asset as our staff builds on the successes of our first term. Debbie adds immediate value to our work serving the citizens of Long Beach."

For nearly 20 years Ms. Ellis has been the Chief Financial Officer for the Long Beach Transit Company, the non-profit corporation providing bus and shuttle services to over 28 million customers each year. As CFO, she was responsible for all financial matters including payroll for 700+ employees, financial statements, and grant management of \$75 million annually. Prior experience includes three years service in the Long Beach City Auditor's Office during the administration of City Auditor Robert Fronke.

"I am excited to be joining the City Auditor's team," said Ellis, "I have been impressed with all the Office has accomplished under Laura's leadership in the past four years, and I am looking forward to building on this success."

Welcoming Ms. Ellis, who will begin her new position on August 2, City Auditor Doud said, "The budget challenges facing Long Beach call for creative solutions, and I am confident that with Debbie joining our team we will continue to find ways to maximize City revenue and find ways to cut costs while protecting vital City services.

Ms. Ellis is a graduate of Cal Poly, Pomona and UCLA Anderson School of Management, Executive Education program. She is a long-time resident of Long Beach with her husband, John and their daughter, Sydney.

Long Beach City Auditor Laura Doud was elected in 2006 and was recently reelected. She will be sworn in for her second four-year term on July 20.