

## Press Releases

04/03/2009 | City Auditor Doud Issues Statement Regarding Governor's Inspector General Appointment

This afternoon, Governor Schwarzenegger announced that he is appointing Los Angeles City Controller Laura Chick to a new position as inspector general of the federal stimulus money that California will be receiving. City Auditor Doud released a statement in support of the Governor's creation of the new position and in his choice of Laura Chick to the post.

"I commend Governor Schwarzenegger for recognizing the importance of creating the position of Inspector General to oversee the estimated \$50 billion that is expected to benefit California state and local governments. He has made an excellent choice in Los Angeles City Controller Laura Chick to fill this post. She has been aggressive in her oversight of taxpayer dollars and highlighting deficiencies in Los Angeles City operations.

The City of Long Beach takes seriously its responsibility to ensure that grant funds issued to the City are used as intended and for the maximum possible benefit. The good news for the citizens of Long Beach is that we already have the necessary audit functions in place to detect and prevent the misuse of public funds, including federal stimulus funds.

I wholeheartedly support the newly appointed Inspector General, Laura Chick. I look forward to continuing to work with her in enhancing transparency and accountability in local governments' use of federal stimulus funds."