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**City Auditor Laura Doud Statement On Passage Of Proposition H
Cites Teamwork, Voter Interest and Benefit to Public Safety as Key to Measure's
Success**

Long Beach City Auditor Laura Doud released the following statement on the passage of Proposition H, the *Police and Fire Public Safety Oil Production Act*, passed at the May 1 special election:

Once again, community groups and voters in the City of Long Beach have joined together to pass a measure that will provide critical money to fund public safety programs here in the City. I am so pleased that Proposition H passed yesterday and I am proud to have been part of the campaign.

Moreover, it is most exciting to see how the campaign came together. It was truly a team effort involving all interested parties – the oil producers, business and community leaders, opinion leaders, media organizations and members of our police and fire department organizations – who all joined together to make sure this important measure was passed.

The task was not easy, nor was the realization that the measure would have to pass by a two-thirds vote in order to become law. However, clearly the citizens of Long Beach were listening, reading the campaign literature and understanding that the passage of Proposition H would mean more revenue for police and fire **at no cost to taxpayers**. The measure passed with 70% of the vote! Voters in this City realize that just by updating an out of date ordinance the city, *and most specifically public safety*, will benefit by an extra **\$3.8 million annually** in new revenue!

Special recognition and thanks must be extended to Mayor Bob Foster, all of the City Councilmembers and especially Councilmember Gary DeLong, the members of the Long Beach Firefighter's Association and the Long Beach Police Officer's Association, the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, and so many others for their help in working so hard for the passage of Proposition H.

City Auditor Laura Doud noted that the passage of Proposition H was just the most recent example of her commitment to promote excellence in government, protect the public's interests and assets, and explore every possible angle to discover new revenue to fund programs critical to the well-being of the City.