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11/20/2008 | City Auditor Laura Doud Hosts Open House To Celebrate 100th Anniversary of the Office of the Long Beach City Auditor

Long Beach City Auditor Laura Doud welcomed over 200 community members as well as city, county, and state officials to an Open House in her City Hall office yesterday to commemorate 100 Years of the City Auditor's Office.

The day honored all former City Auditors who have served Long Beach. "This centennial occasion allows us to honor City Auditors who have come before us and also serves as a reminder to do all we can to promote excellence and efficiency in government. This is the legacy of the Long Beach City Auditor's Office, and we are pleased to carry this legacy forward," Doud stated.

During the ceremonies, City Auditor Doud recognized former City Auditor Bob Fronke who was in attendance as "a man I admire for his principles and integrity, who has been a great example to me."

Visitors toured the newly-dedicated Myrtelle L. Gunsul Conference Room to view the exhibit of the life and career of Miss Gunsul, who served as Long Beach's 5th elected City Auditor from 1919 until her retirement in 1951.

City Auditor Doud continued, "As Miss Gunsul said, 'Public office is public trust.' Our office takes this trust seriously, and we are committed to ensuring that taxpayers get the most for their hard-earned tax dollars. The Conference Room is now a living tribute to Miss Gunsul's extraordinary life and commitment to public service in Long Beach. By dedicating this Conference Room to her, we will keep her values and principles alive in our memories and in our daily actions."

On reading about the upcoming Open House in the newspaper, Betty Short Andreatta contacted the City Auditor's Office about her aunt, Miss Nell Short, who was on staff in the City Auditor's office during the tenure of Myrtelle L. Gunsul. City Auditor Doud was pleased to welcome Mrs. Andreatta and her daughter at the event today. Mrs. Andreatta presented some of her aunt's audit memorabilia, including Auditor's Annual Reports from 1923 and 1936, to City Auditor Laura Doud who was pleased to accept them on behalf of the Office.

Research into the history of the Office of the City Auditor is ongoing. Anyone with information or photographs relating to former City Auditors is encouraged to contact the Office at (562) 570-6751.

Visitors are welcome to view the exhibit in the Myrtelle L. Gunsul Conference Room. Viewing is by appointment only as it is a working conference room. Please call (562) 570-6751 to schedule an appointment.