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**TRANSITION PERIOD IS OVER - CITY AUDITOR LAURA DOUD TAKES OFFICE  
*ANNOUNCES INITIAL PLAN TO AUDIT THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE***

City Auditor Laura Wilson Doud will host a press availability and photo opportunity with staff at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 2006 in the City Auditor's office, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Long Beach City Hall.

On the first day in office Doud will announce her immediate plans to audit the auditor's office, making certain that the office is effectively working to meet the demands, challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Doud believes that in order to maximize the opportunities for success and to best serve the residents of this city there is no more appropriate place to begin other than her office.

"I am very grateful to have the opportunity to serve Long Beach as City Auditor. My first priority is to structure my own office in a manner consistent with my campaign pledge: provide *Independence, Information, Initiative, Innovation and Integrity* to all operations of my office."

City Auditor Doud will be joined on her first day in office with Assistant City Auditor Alex Cherin and Communications and Government Relations Director Olivia Silva Maiser. With many staff positions filled, Doud will be spending her first day in office meeting with staff, outlining priorities and assessing the work in progress at the office.

Press is invited to attend City Auditor staff briefing and photo opportunity at 11:00 a.m. at the City Auditor's office. Embargoed copies of City Auditor Doud's inaugural speech will be available at this time.