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PADILLA, CHICK ANNOUNCE LAUNCH OF NEW, USER-FRIENDLY CITY OF L.A. WEB SITE

Launch ceremony for <u>WWW.LACITY.ORG</u> at L.A. Central Library's Mark Taper Auditorium, Thursday, March 29, 1:00pm

LOS ANGELES – Councilmembers Padilla and Chick today announced the launch of the newly redesigned, official web site for the City of Los Angeles, <u>www.lacity.org</u>. The new features of the web site include user-friendly pull-down menus for constituent services and quick links to frequently visited City sites. Additionally, City Council meetings (currently broadcast on LA CityView Ch. 35) will also be viewable in real time via live, online, streaming video on the City's web site.

"Making a request for City services or City information is as easy as scroll, point, and click," said Padilla, Chair of the City's Information Technology and General Services Committee and a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). "Los Angeles residents and businesses will now have a new way to 'connect' to their local government and elected representatives."

"These technological improvements are one more step toward making local government accessible and open," said Councilmember Chick, Vice-Chair of the Information Technology and General Services Committee. "Providing City assistance via the Internet is speedy and efficient, allowing the City to provide a maximum amount of information at minimal taxpayer expense."

"The City of Los Angeles is excited to be at the forefront of government agencies providing better and broader information to the public," said Jesse Juarros, General Manager of the City's Information Technology Agency (ITA). "The 'My Neighborhood' locator feature improves our web site by sharing with residents a personalized view of services available in our City."

The ITA oversees both the design and maintenance of the City's technology applications.

Additional information and services available on <u>www.lacity.org</u> include:

- City Council meeting agendas
- L.A. City job application forms
- Minority Business contract opportunities
- City election contribution reports and election results

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