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## **CHICK: EL PUEBLO WELL ON ITS WAY TO FINANCIAL STABILITY AND HEALTH**

### **Controller's Follow-Up Finds Situation Greatly Improved**

Los Angeles – City Controller Laura Chick has released a follow-up audit of El Pueblo which shows, “significant progress has been made,” since her first audit was released in April 2004.

Chick took financial receivership of El Pueblo, which is home to Olvera Street, in January 2004 after receiving a whistleblower tip. “What I found was a situation that bordered on financial disaster,” said Chick.

“Today I am very pleased to release a follow-up audit of El Pueblo that tells a much different story. Significant progress has been made in implementing the recommendations of my audit. El Pueblo is well on its way to financial stability and health,” wrote Chick in a letter to Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo, and the members of the City Council.

In addition to Olvera Street, El Pueblo attracts over two million visitors each year and is home to 27 historic buildings, museums, shops, and cafes.

“The neglect and mis-management of El Pueblo is something that must never happen again. However, the corrective action taken by the Department, especially General Manager Rushmore Cervantes, is a lesson for all City departments to follow,” said Chick.

The full report, as well as all audits by the Controller's Office, can be accessed at [www.lacity.org/ctr](http://www.lacity.org/ctr).

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