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**LOS ANGELES CITY ETHICS COMMISSION**

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**LOS ANGELES CITY ETHICS COMMISSION TO BE AWARDED  
NATIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION**

**American Society for Public Administration Selects City Ethics Commission  
as Recipient of 2007 Public Integrity Award**

The Los Angeles City Ethics Commission announced today that it has been selected to receive the 2007 Public Integrity Award of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA). The national recognition, which pays tribute to a local, state, national or international organization that has made “outstanding contributions to responsible conduct in public service,” will be awarded to the Commission on March 26, 2007, at ASPA’s 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. The Public Integrity Award is given to a governmental or non profit organization that “presents evidence of accomplishing, or causing to accomplish, significant programs or projects benefiting the general public.” In nominating the Ethics Commission for the award, the Sacramento and Los Angeles Metro Chapters of ASPA cited the agency’s work “to advance the public’s respect and trust so that there can be fairness in the City’s operations and transparency in the City’s politics.” They added that the agency has “managed to balance being an integral part of municipal government while also holding office holders, appointees, lobbyists and city employees to a high standard of ethical behavior.”

When informed that the Ethics Commission would be receiving the award, Commission President Gil Garcetti remarked, “Fabulous! This award is a powerful affirmation of what we do and of the very hard and creative work of a very talented staff.”

ASPA’s award program is designed to provide “a forum through which the public sector’s best and brightest can shine” by advancing “excellence in public administration in the simplest and most effective way. It identifies and illuminates government that works and government employees who work well. Today, it is more important than ever that effective and efficient government be

recognized, reinforced, and, whenever possible, imitated with the hope of providing better service to the public.” For additional information on ASPA and its award program, visit <http://www.aspanet.org/scriptcontent/index.cfm>.

The City Ethics Commission was established as a semi-independent City agency by Los Angeles voters in June 1990 to bring a new level of accountability in local government. As an independent voice for more open and responsive City government, the City Ethics Commission acts through its voter-established mandate to preserve the public trust. Through meaningful public disclosure and effective education, the Commission is committed to supporting and equipping an informed citizenry. Dedicated to upholding the public interest, the Commission shapes, administers and enforces City ethics, campaign finance and lobbying laws that ensure Los Angeles elections and government decision making are fair, transparent and accountable. The Commission has a staff of 31 and a 2006-07 operating budget of \$2.8 million.

Complete information about the Commission and its work can be found at <http://ethics.lacity.org>.

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