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Controller Greuel: Waste, Fraud and Abuse Hotline Accessible in More Than 150 Languages

LOS ANGELES – Los Angeles City Controller Wendy Greuel today announced she is adding another tool in her arsenal to combat fraud and eliminate waste and inefficiency. The City's Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline can accommodate whistleblower tips in more than 150 languages. This feature is being promoted following reports of bribery and misconduct in the City's Housing department that had initially gone undetected because a rogue city employee was preying on victims who primarily spoke Korean.

"Whistleblowers need a place to go and be heard so that their concerns do not fall by the wayside," said Greuel. "It is our responsibility to the taxpayers of this city that Los Angeles conducts its business with the utmost integrity and transparency. Having a multi-lingual hotline sends a message that we are serious about investigating credible tips and rooting out fraud, waste and abuse."

This announcement falls on the heels of Greuel's efforts to strengthen a City ordinance requiring departments to report any and all instances of waste, fraud and abuse and recent efforts to evaluate how successful City departments have been in implementing audit recommendations.

The Waste, Fraud and Abuse Hotline is accessible in scores of languages including: Armenian, Arabic, Cantonese, German, Hebrew, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Persian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Taiwanese and Vietnamese to name a few. The hotline can be accessed by dialing (866) 428-1514. A list of all languages the hotline can accommodate is attached.

Controller Greuel has conducted more than 40 audits and uncovered nearly \$100 million that the City has lost to waste, fraud, and abuse over the last two years. For more information, log on to the Website of Los Angeles Controller Wendy Greuel: <http://controller.lacity.org/>.

Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline Languages

Afrikaans	Fijian	Latvian	Serbian
Akan	Finnish	Lebanese	Shanghainese
Albanian	Flemish	Lithuanian	Sichuan
American Sign Language	French	Magyar	Sinhalese
Amharic	French Canadian	Maithili	Slovak
Arabic	Frisian	Malay	Somali
Armenian	Fulde	Malayalam	Somali Bantu
Assyrian	Fuzhou	Maltese	Spanish
Azeri	Ga	Mandarin	Sudanese
Bahasa (Malaysia)	Ganda	Mandinka	Swahili
Bambara	Georgian	Marathi	Swedish
Basque	German	Marshallese	Tagalog
Bassa	Greek	May-May	Taiwanese
Belorussian	Greenlandic	Mien	Tamil
Bengali	Gujarati	Mixteco	Tatar
Bhojpuri	Hakka	Mongolian	Telugu
Bosnian	Hebrew	More	Teochew
Bulgarian	Hindi	Myanmar	Thai
Burmese	Hmong	Navajo	Thai Dam
Cambodian	Hunanese	Nepali	Tibetan
Canjobal	Hungarian	Norwegian	Tigrinya
Cantonese	Ibo	Nuer	Toisanese
Cape Verde	Icelandic (Modern)	Oriya	Tongan
Cebuano	Ilocano	Oromifa	Trukese
Chamorro	Indo	Pampangan	Turkish
Chinese Yunnan	Italian	Pangasinan	Turkmen
Choujo	Jaaxanke	Pashtu	Twi
Chukchi	Japanese	Polish	Uighur
Chuukese	Javanese	Ponapean	Ukrainian
Creole (French, Haitian)	Kannada	Persian	Urdu
Croatian	Kazakh	Portuguese (Brazil, European)	Uzbek
Czech	Khmer	Pulaar	Vietnamese
Danish	Kinya	Punjabi	Visayan
Dari	Kirundi	Quechua	Welsh
Dinka	Korean	Romanian	Wolof
Dutch	Kpelle	Russian	Xhosa
Estonian	Kurdish	Samoan	Yiddish
Ewe	Lanzhou	Sara	Yoruba
Farsi	Lao		Zulu