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The Honorable Antonio Villaraigosa
Honorable Members of the City Council
All General Managers

By this time, I am sure you are all aware of the recent controversy in the City of Bell where the City Manager, City staff and Councilmembers were paid exorbitant salaries with little to no public accountability. In light of these developments and heightened public interest, I am taking steps to ensure openness and transparency in our own City salary system. At the end of the day, we all work for the citizens of Los Angeles and it is their right to know how their tax dollars are being spent.

I have instructed my staff to work with the Information Technology Agency (ITA) to expeditiously create an online searchable webpage that lists the salaries for all City positions as soon as possible. This will provide easy-to-use access to all interested parties.

As the City Controller, I am responsible for the City's payroll. During these tough economic times, I take my responsibility as the City's chief financial watchdog very seriously, putting a high priority on ensuring that our finances and payroll are properly managed and reported.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at (213) 978-7200.

Sincerely,

Wendy Greuel
City Controller