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Los Angeles Unified School District has named as a priority the need to reform and maximize efficient use of government funds and resources to better serve the educational needs of all children in the District. It is imperative that the superintendent of schools bring these priorities to the table and work cooperatively with the School Board to represent the public's desire for accountability.

Recent events have raised the question of whether the selection process of a superintendent is outdated and lacks a full vetting outlet accountable to the people. Superintendents are appointed by the Board of Education, contracted for a selected number of years with little to no review.

An alternative would be to elect the superintendent, as is done with the State Superintendent of Education. This would allow for further responsibility and transparency. An 'elected' superintendent would serve the best interest of all voters and continue to expand on the objectives of the local district. This process would create voter participation by better engaging all neighboring cities located within the District.

I THEREFORE MOVE the City Council to direct the City Attorney, with the assistance of the CLA, to review and make recommendations on the feasibility and necessary steps required to change the selection of an LAUSD Superintendent from an appointed position to an elected office.

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