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On the first day of the 2022-23 school year earlier this month, more than 60,000 students were absent. The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) has suffered vast declining enrollment for years, exacerbated by the pandemic. Student enrollment is one of several indicators that reflect the need to provide greater ease of access to additional services and resources to address the needs of youth outside of the classroom. Concurrently, we must evaluate which services and programs are being used by young people across the City, so that we can better prepare and inform our City's budgetary priorities.

As the Youth Development Department (YDD) carries forward with a Strategic Plan towards auditing youth programs and services offered through the City's departments, the City should take an inventory of access to these programs and services. Currently, a singular system that connects youth services citywide does not exist. A central user interface for youth to access programs and services, would provide greater accessibility, remove siloed department operations, and provide data that assist us in developing programs that are responsive to the user needs.

We've seen the value of single user interface in other citywide efforts, through reformed business platforms as Los Angeles Business Assistance Virtual Network (LABAVN), or its successor platform Los Angeles Regional Alliance Marketplace for Procurement (RAMP), there needs to be a single user interface built off a secure system that can provide this accessibility and accountability. This system would serve as a streamlined path to City services, while also increasing youth participation across all city programming efforts. This work would establish internal relationships for the City to allow youth to access all services through a card, for the Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL), Department of Transportation (LADOT) DASH, or Department of Recreation & Parks (RAP) programming.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instructs the YDD, with assistance from the Information Technology Agency (ITA), and all city departments and offices including the Mayor's Office that have youth programming and services, to report in 90 days on recommendations for establishing a platform or single user interface system to connect all departments when it comes to youth related services and programming.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer (CAO) identify funding for a platform or single user interface system for youth related services and programming.

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