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Mayoral Takeover Expert to Address Presidents' Joint Commission on LAUSD Governance

Kenneth K. Wong, author of a series of papers on the impacts of mayoral takeover of large urban school districts, will be in Los Angeles Thursday, October 20 to make a presentation to the Presidents' Joint Commission on LAUSD Governance. His presentation will focus on mayoral involvement in school districts throughout the United States.

Kenneth K. Wong is the Walter and Leonore Annenberg Chair for Education Policy at Brown University. He directs Brown's Urban Education Policy Program and holds joint faculty appointments in the Department of Education, the Annenberg Institute for School Reform, and the Taubman Center for Public Policy Studies. A political scientist by training, Kenneth Wong has conducted extensive research in urban school reform, charter schools, state finance and educational policies, intergovernmental relations, and federal educational policies (such as Title I in high poverty schools). He was a tenured faculty at Vanderbilt University and the University of Chicago. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago.

In addition to Dr. Wong's presentation, Randy Ross of the Independent Analyst Unit of LAUSD will make a presentation on the relationship between governance and curriculum at LAUSD.

What: Presentation by Kenneth K. Wong regarding mayoral involvement in school districts throughout the country.

Where: Metropolitan Water District Headquarters -- Board Room
700 N. Alameda Street (adjacent to Union Station)

When: Thursday, October 20
4:00 PM

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