



2014 February 25 (via email)

Dear Seattle City Councilmembers,

I wish to officially state my support for the Seattle City Council's proposed [Resolution 31508](#), sponsored by Councilmember Licata, endorsing the Civics for All Initiative.

This resolution is important because the Civics for All Initiative supports civics education that is essential to raising our next generation of leaders, and to teaching them to be active, critical thinkers as the foundation for our future democracy. By implementing a robust civics curriculum, fully integrated with other core school subjects, we can educate our youth about the duties and joys of active citizenship and participation in our government.

Furthermore, this proposed legislation recognizes the efforts of the King County Department of Elections to encourage civic engagement among Seattle youth by supporting mock elections in schools. These mock elections teach youth about the elections process and how to vote, thus promoting civic participation in order to increase citizenship involvement and aptitude for life.

The King County Council is currently considering similar legislation, proposed [Motion 2014-0068](#), that also endorses the Civics for All Initiative and its efforts to enhance civics education and engagement among Seattle youth.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

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