



## Request for City Council Committee Action

**Date** May 13, 2005

**To:** Council Member Samuels

**Committee:** Elections Committee

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**Subject:** Resolution endorsing and supporting Kids Voting Minneapolis

**Presenters in Committee:** Susanne Griffin

### Recommendation

Recommend passage of resolution endorsing and supporting Kids Voting Minneapolis.

#### Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

#### Background/Supporting Information:

Kids Voting Minneapolis is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to educating young people about the importance of voting. Formed in 2004, Kids Voting Minneapolis represents more than 40,000 students and is one of 50 Kids Voting programs in school districts across Minnesota. Minneapolis Public Schools began using the K-12 Kids Voting curriculum during the 2004 school year. The curriculum focuses on the rights, responsibilities and privileges of voting, and teaches students the importance of becoming an informed voter. On Election Day kids go to the official polls with their parents, or another adult or family member, and "vote" on specially designed ballots that include many of the same issues and candidates that the adult voter ballot contains. Results are tallied separately and reported to the media.

The Minneapolis Elections Office supports Kids Voting Minneapolis and is recommending that the City Council pass the attached resolution.