



Request for City Council Committee Action

Date: May 11, 2006
To: Council Member Glidden
Referral to: Elections Committee
Subject: Resolution endorsing and supporting Kids Voting Minneapolis

Recommendation:
Recommend passage of a resolution endorsing and supporting Kids Voting Minneapolis.

Presenter in Committee: Cindy Reichert, Director of Elections, 673-2073

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(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

Kids Voting Minneapolis is a nonpartisan, nonprofit community-based organization working to secure the future of democracy by preparing young people to be educated, engaged voters. Formed in 2004, Kids Voting Minneapolis represents 50,000 kindergarten through twelfth grade students and is one of 34 Kids Voting programs in school districts across Minnesota. Kids Voting provides a K-12th grade civics curriculum that is taught in the classroom and exposes students to the concepts of citizenship, civic responsibility, democracy and the importance of political participation. Students cast a Kids Voting ballot on Election Day at Minneapolis polling places, voting on many of the same candidates and issues that adults do. By combining innovative classroom activities, family dialogue and an authentic voting experience students gain knowledge, skills and the confidence to become active citizens.

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