



Urging the General Assembly to Pass the Civics Literacy Act HB-5028

Introduced by Councilpersons Glendaliz Colon & Jessica Vega
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WHEREAS, Rhode Island is 1 of only 10 states that does not have a civic graduation requirement which means many students do not know the basics when it comes to engaging with their community and government leaders thereby perpetuating a cycle of civic inequity, often referred to as the civic engagement gap; and

WHEREAS, On January 15, 2021, a comprehensive civic education bill, called the Civics Literacy Act HB-5028, was introduced in the General Assembly by a group of bipartisan lawmakers; and

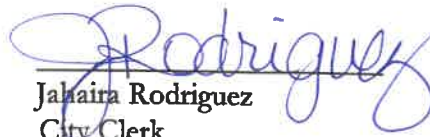
WHEREAS, The Civic Literacy Act requires all students between grades 8-12 to complete a course in American Civics proficiency; calls for a project-based civics learning assessment so students can learn civics by doing civics; establishes a Civics Project Trust Fund to ensure the mandate is properly supported; prioritizes resources to support the implementation in districts that serve historically underserved students; and utilizes a portion of the funds to further ensure a diverse teacher workforce.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Central Falls City Council urges the General Assembly to pass the Civic Literacy Act HB-5028; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the City Clerk to the Governor, to all of the Honorable Representatives and Senators representing the City of Central Falls in the General Assembly, to the Honorable Rhode Island Speaker of the House and the Honorable Rhode Island Senate President, and to all Rhode Island city and town councils, who are respectfully urged to also pass this resolution in support of our youth.



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City Council President



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City Clerk