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MOTION ON NOTICE

Civic Youth Council

MOVER - Mayor Sam Sullivan

SECONDER - Councillor Elizabeth Ball

Whereas it is important to increase access and awareness of civic affairs to Vancouver's youth;

Whereas it is often cost prohibitive for Vancouver's disadvantaged youth to participate in forums in either Victoria or Ottawa that pertain to learning more about the process of government;

Whereas a number of successful outreach and educational programs such as the Forum for Young Canadians, Encounters with Canada, and the British Columbia Youth Parliament have already been established at the provincial and federal levels;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT representatives from City Clerk's Office, the Vancouver School Board, the Vancouver Park Board and the Mayor's office establish a working group in order to develop a comprehensive plan and budget for a Civic Youth Council to take place at Vancouver City Hall in the Fall of 2006;

THAT the Civic Youth Council serve as an outlet for young citizens within the City of Vancouver to become engaged in civic government and have input on civic issues;

THAT the working group actively seek out sponsorships to help defer the costs of hosting such an event;

THAT the working group establish a goal of having at least 500 youth participate in the program by 2010;

THAT Council ensures that participants in the Civic Youth Council are reflective of Vancouver's diverse population.