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Ms. Rose Mendonca
City Clerk
Providence City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Ms. Mendonca:

Providence City Council Resolution No. 72 calls for the teaching of government to eighth grade students.

I believe the enclosed course description of the eighth grade Government course satisfies the requirement of the resolution. This course is presently taught in Providence Public Schools.

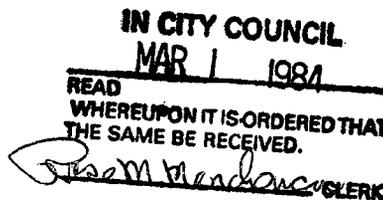
Please communicate this information to the Providence City Council. Your assistance is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Ricci
Superintendent

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CC: Ms. Joyce Stevos

Enclosure



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Government Outline

- I. Why Government
 - A. Purpose
 - B. Identification of different situations where government is necessary
- II. Review of the beginning of American Government
 - A. Articles of Confederation
 - B. Need for a Constitution
 - C. Constitutional Convention
- III. The Constitution of the United States
 - A. 3 branches of government
 - 1. Executive
 - 2. Legislative
 - 3. Judicial
 - B. System of checks and balances
 - C. Compromises
 - D. Provisions for Amendments
 - E. Bill of Rights
 - F. Ratification
- IV. Structure of the Federal Government
 - A. Congress
 - 1. organization
 - 2. structure
 - 3. decision-making in Congress
 - B. The Federal Budget
 - 1. source of funds
 - 2. deciding on how to spend the funds
 - 3. The budget process
 - C. The Executive Branch
 - 1. The President's many jobs
 - 2. Advisors to President
 - 3. Decision-making in the Presidency

D. Federal Agencies

1. structure and function
2. decision-making
3. lobbying

E. Federal Courts

1. organization
2. purpose
3. The Supreme Court and its work

F. Interest Groups

1. need and purpose
2. how they influence the government
3. laws controlling interest groups

G. Political Parties

1. Development of the political parties in the U. S.
2. structure
3. role of political parties

H. Political participation

1. ways citizens can participate in government
2. reasons: rights and responsibilities

V. Structure of State Government

A. State Legislature

1. powers
2. structure
3. State Representatives

G. Governor and State Agencies

1. structure of Executive Board
2. role of Governor
3. role of State Agencies

C. State Courts

1. State Court structure
2. Criminal and Civil Cases
3. Lawyers and the Court System

VI. Structure of Local Government

A. Local Governments

1. kinds of Local Governments
2. County system
3. City services
4. how city services are paid

B. City Government

1. structure
2. political divisions in a city
3. decision-making in city government

VII. Urban Problems

A. Growth of Cities

B. Problems of Cities

C. Federal aid to the cities

VIII. Consumer Decision-making

A. The American Economic System

B. Producing goods and services

C. Buying goods and services

D. Banking, Loans, Credit

E. Consumer Protection Laws

IX. Decision-making and Human Rights

A. The American Indian Experience

1. Governmental policy affecting human rights
2. Decisions and moral dilemmas
3. Relationship between history and the decision
4. Effect of the inhumanity

B. The Black Experience

1. Governmental policy affecting human rights
2. Decisions and moral dilemmas
3. Relationship between history and the decisions
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C. The Armenian Experience

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D. The Jewish Experience

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E. The South African Experience

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F. The Vietnamese Experience

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