



Civics Engagement Workshop for EL Students

By the **People's Academy for
Community Engagement (PACE)**



**Seattle
Neighborhoods**

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- ▶ Mission: educate community members about local government to strengthen their individual and collective power
- ▶ Design:
 - ▶ Full program:
 - ▶ 5 Saturday Workshops, \$100 tuition
 - ▶ Pop-Up Workshops:
 - ▶ Flexible, one-off workshops, FREE
 - ▶ For underrepresented communities (i.e. communities of color, immigrant/refugee communities)



Overview of Partnership

- ▶ Partnership between **Seattle Department of Neighborhoods** and **Seattle Public Library**



- ▶ **Why partner?**
 - ▶ Meet people where they're already meeting
 - ▶ Focus on people who are underrepresented in civic engagement
 - ▶ EL classes are a great convergence of this!

Why talk about civic engagement with EL students?

- ▶ Local government has the most influence on daily life
- ▶ EVERYONE interacts with local government in some way
- ▶ Knowledge is power!

The Curriculum

- ▶ What is City government?
- ▶ Where is City government?
- ▶ If I see an **issue in my community** and I want the **City to know about it**, what should I do?

How To Use It

- ▶ Do the prep lesson the class before
- ▶ Read over the lesson plan
- ▶ Download the materials
- ▶ Read the “Background Information for Activities”
- ▶ Contact Hilary (pace@seattle.gov) with questions

Let's practice!

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Questions?