

To our fellow Democrats:

As progressives, we must not pass up an opportunity to make early learning a priority. In the unprecedented case of the two early learning initiatives going before Seattle voters this fall, the best way to do that is to **take no position**.

Early learning matters to Democrats. We know that strong families and a secure middle class depend on the next generation receiving the education they need to lead successful lives. This November, Seattle voters will have the opportunity to choose between two proposals that deal with different aspects of early learning: Proposition 1A (Citizen's Initiative 107) and Proposition 1B (City Hall's plan).

Unfortunately, the ballot title is structured in a way that neither Proposition 1A or 1B will be enacted if the first question, "Should either of these measures be enacted into law?" doesn't receive a majority of votes cast. Voters will have to choose one or the other.

Both 1A and 1B are good for Seattle's children. Both 1A and 1B are in line with Democratic values. For these reasons, Legislative Districts should take no position on 1A and 1B, but encourage Democrats to vote YES on the first question.

Let's send a clear message on Election Day: **Democrats support early learning, not needless division.**

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Signed,

State Representative Joe Fitzgibbon, 34th Legislative District

State Senator Bob Hasegawa, 11th Legislative District

State Representative Zack Hudgins, 11th Legislative District

State Senator Adam Kline, 37th Legislative District

State Senator Sharon Nelson, 34th Legislative District

State Representative Gerry Pollet, 46th Legislative District

State Representative Cindy Ryu, 32nd Legislative District