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Dear Mr. Townes

I am writing very belatedly to tell you how much all of us at the PS 1 Beacon enjoyed the Vote 18 workshop you conducted when you came last month. The time it took for me to get you this letter is not an indication of how it was received, but rather, sadly, of my lack of time.

Your workshop was well thought out and very inspiring. The short and lively presentations of interesting historical facts were well balanced by your interactions with the participants and theirs with each other. It provided everyone with much food for thought in terms of our civic responsibility and of how fulfilling it could ultimately make a tangible difference.

Danny Garcia (our CIT coordinator) told me recently that he wanted a workshop on which he was working to have the impact yours had on all of us. As for me, I have decided to make my way to become a US citizen after 30 years in order to finally be able to vote. I wouldn't say that I only decided on the basis of the workshop but it definitely helped move my decision forward.

Thanks again for creating such an inspiring and useful workshop and for sharing it with us at no cost. It was very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Beacon Director for Center for Family Life at PS 1

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