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RE: Would you be able to provide practical assistance to Policy Formation in relation to a Local Studies Public Education Program?

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Dear friends,

Would you be able to assist me in finding (a) person(s) who would be interested to boil down the issues to a number of simple policy changes in relation to:

Council to sponsor a Local Studies Public Education program, with State Government contributions in funding as a cross-portfolio of State Education and Local Government.

It is not such an unusual policy idea when you think how many funding programs and activities are collaborations between the State and the Municipality.

Three years ago, I came up with a similar proposal for creating a publication-education hub for the 2023-2025 series of important anniversaries for the City and State. I presented the case to Council on the 22 June 2018, understanding how important it was to have considerable leeway in planning for such major anniversary events.

I have attached here the original proposal and my recorded presentation to Council. The case was quite clear: a publication-education hub for the 2023-2025 series of important anniversaries of the City and State. The Council was dismissive of the proposal. In their narrow thinking, it was not practical.

Now, I think that the dismissive attitude on the importance of broader understanding of the City's history comes down to the Federal-State policies of course reduction in history education, and also a strange ideological resentment (one thinks of Nietzsche) for community or public education. If I am wrong then I would like to be shown, but the potential critics are strangely silent, and all I am hearing from my educationalist colleagues is that I am right in these judgements.

Nevertheless, I do require assistance, if anyone thinks a Local Studies Public Education program has value, particularly in delivering for a publication-education hub for the 2023-2025 series of important anniversaries of the City and State, please contact me. I am ready to listen.

Can you help?

Kind regards,

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From: **Neville Buch** <nbuch61@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, 7 May 2021 at 11:23

Subject: Re: Acting Lord Mayor's Reply and the Local Studies Public Education Program

Dear Michael,

Many thanks for your guidance. You are no doubt right about inexperience, lack of attention to detail, and what we have been accustomed to expect of elected representatives from Council.

I do understand – the need to boil down the issues to a number of simple policy changes.

I have been slowly working on it, but the argument for attention to the problem, and the nature of the problem, is how I have been proceeding. In that process I have started to crystallize the policy argument:

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I understand it is a kernel of a policy idea but it would be far better if I was able to have assistance. I have put in many hours of research and writing into this fledgling campaign.

Do you have ideas on who might be willing to help? In the meantime I will contact Professor Lockyer and the Councillors and see if they can help?

Kind regards,

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