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Kurdish Parliamentarians in Los Angeles on Civic Education Fact-Finding Trip

LOS ANGELES—The Center for Civic Education is hosting a delegation of three members of parliament of the Kurdistan Regional Government, Iraq, from September 20 to October 8, 2012. The parliamentarians are members of the Committee on Education and Higher Education. The objectives of the delegation are to learn about civic education policies and practices in the United States, to experience the U.S. educational system, and to consider next steps for reinvigorating and sustaining civic education in Kurdistan.

The delegation will be visiting Salem Lutheran School in Glendale on September 27 to meet with students and teachers using the Center's civic education materials. A goal of the visit is to better understand the context in which civic education takes place in the United States. Salem Lutheran School represents an example of the diversity and variety of educational opportunities in an American school system that is both private and public.

The delegates will have four days of professional meetings and school visits in the Los Angeles, California, area followed by three days of meetings with congressional staff and civic education policy experts in Washington, D.C. The visit is organized through the Civitas International Programs department at the Center.

About the Center for Civic Education (www.civiced.org)

The Center for Civic Education is a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization dedicated to promoting an enlightened and responsible citizenry committed to democratic principles and actively engaged in the practice of democracy in the United States and other countries. The Civitas International Programs work with partners in 81 countries and 29 U.S. states to bring exemplary civic education curricula to educators and young people.