I voted for the petition requesting a vote of the Academic Senate because diversity must include respect for the expression of differing opinion. But I will vote for the diversity requirement, because a liberal education has always included preparation for democratic citizenship. I just wrote a book reporting the origins of contemporary democracy in racism. Because my generation of students were not required to study racialized and gendered interactions, political scientists have generally overlooked this plain connection. Deportations and police killings remind us daily of its persistence. If so, no one can prepare adequately for democratic citizenship without studying diversity. Were I to vote against the diversity requirement, it would mean that I did not believe my own book.