

# League of Women Voters of Needham

## Opening Meeting 2015

### *Money in Politics*

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Thursday, October 15, 2015  
Community Room, Needham Library  
1139 Highland Avenue, Needham, MA 02494

6:30 PM Refreshments  
7:00 PM History and Current State of Money in Politics  
7:55 PM Introduction of Guest Speaker: Rep. Denise Garlick  
8:00 PM Guest Speaker: State Senator Jamie Eldridge  
Followed by Question and Answer Period

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Opening Meeting is a League event for members, guests and the public.  
Please join us for Opening Meeting as we kick-off the national study of  
*Money in Politics!*



State Senator Jamie Eldridge has served as State Senator for the Middlesex and Worcester district since January 2009. He serves as the current Senate Chair of Financial Services.

Previously, Jamie served as State Representative for the 37th Middlesex district. As the only Clean Elections candidate elected to public office in Massachusetts history in November 2002, he understands the critical need to reduce the influence of special interest money on elections and give the public confidence that their elected officials are acting in the best interest of their constituents.

Sen. Eldridge is the lead sponsor of bills designed to address the negative impacts of the Citizens United case here in Massachusetts, including bills to promote shareholder accountability, and remove "pay-to-play" opportunities in our political system. His bill, the Disclose Act, increased the disclosure of corporate political spending and was signed into law last session.

Sen. Eldridge is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University and Boston College Law School, where he served as President of the Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) for two years. Prior to his election as State Representative, Jamie worked as a public interest attorney with Merrimack Valley Legal Services in Lowell, a non-profit organization that provides free legal services to the poor and the elderly. As a public interest lawyer, he also worked to help low-income residents with issues of housing, Social Security, disability, and unemployment.