

Needham High School Civics Showcase: *Students Advocate for Change*

June 10, 2023, 2-3:30 pm

Welcome - Carol Patey, LWV Needham President
 Opening Song - Members of the Needham High Chorus
 Guest Speaker - Kathy Raiz, Lead Member Green Needham Plastic Waste Reduction Team
Visit Student Advocacy Tables
 Door Prizes for Student Groups, starting at 3:25

Table	Issue Area	Description of Advocacy
101A	Children and Families	Affordable childcare and early education
101B	Police / Prison / Judiciary	Programs to reform juvenile offenders
102A	Education	Affordable childcare and early education
102B	School Lunch	Free and better school lunches
103A	Mental Health / Substances	Children's mental health and social media
103B	Guns	Programs to improve school safety
104A	Children and Families	Affordable & accessible early education
104B	Reproductive Rights	Increase disposable menstrual products
105B	Reproductive Rights	Against forcing doctors to inform patients about abortion pill reversal medication
106A	Transportation	Promote safer roads
106B	Police / Prison / Judiciary	Repeal of mandatory minimum sentencing
201A	Education/Gender Equity	Improve access to affordable higher ed
201B	Education	Replace MCAS with coursework / end state takeover of schools
202	Police / Prison / Judiciary	Support programs to reduce recidivism
203	Climate Change / Environment	Mitigate impact of invasive species
204	Animal Rights	Programs to reduce animal abuse and care
205	Victim Justice	Protection for coercive control victims
206	Education	Mental health support in schools K-12
207	Animal Rights	Ban retail sale of dogs, cats, rabbits
301	Hate Crimes	Stricter Needham hate crime policies
302A	Children and Families	Increase equitable healthcare for children
302B	Guns	Raise the age for firearm possession
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304A	Voting / Elections	Lower local voting age to 16
304B	Guns	Ban ghost and 3D printed guns
305A	Climate Change / Environment	Electrifying commuter rail
305B	Guns	Raise age for firearm license to carry
306	Climate Change / Environment	Improve air quality
401	Gender Equity / Violence	Increase access to disposable menstrual products
402	Education	Ban Native American school mascots

403	Minimum Wage	Raise Massachusetts minimum wage
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404B	Guns	Ban ghost and 3D printed guns
405A	Mental Health / Substances	Mental health access in schools K-12
405B	Climate Change / Environment	Stopping use of PFAs
406A	Reproductive Rights	Remove judicial bypass for minors seeking abortions
406B	Climate Change / Environment	Remove single use plastic water bottles from school cafeterias
407A	Student Debt	Student debt relief
407B	Education	Ban Native American school mascots
502A	Mental Health / Substances	K-12 mental health/ substance abuse education
502B	Children and Families	Promote housing stability
503A	Mental Health / Substances	Education for mental and physical health
503B	Reproductive Rights	Greater access to menstrual products
504A	Reproductive Rights	Increase disposable menstrual products
504B	Government	Eliminate the penny
505A	Transportation	MBTA improvements: Safety and usefulness
505B	Animal Rights	Prohibit animal abuse in traveling shows
506A	Alcohol Laws	Lower drinking age to 18
506B	LGBTQ+ Rights	LGBTQ+ inclusive curriculum
601	Guns	Stricter gun laws
602	Police / Prison / Judiciary	Prepare incarcerated for work upon release
603	Education	Promote racially inclusive curriculum
604	Gender Equity / Violence	Stronger protection for sexual assault survivors
701	Mental Health / Substances	More mental health support in K-12 schools
702	Mental Health / Substances	Mental health & social media
703	Education	Promote culturally inclusive & empathetic curriculum

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