

NCE and League of Women Voters of Needham Constitution Series

*The League of Women Voters of Needham, in collaboration with Needham Community Education, is pleased to present the **Constitution Series**.*

Our journey through the ins and outs of government returns this year with the Constitution Series. This fast paced and interactive overview focuses on four aspects of the Constitution to discuss and digest. We are fortunate that Bob Baker, retired Needham High teacher who took us on a tour of the Federal Government in last years' Civics Series, will lead all four sessions.

You won't just listen! Mr. Baker will bring you into the discussion and give you an opportunity to make Constitutional judgements on real and hypothetical cases, and to offer your own ideas for Constitutional amendments.

The sessions will build on one another and may not fall exactly as described below. All sessions are limited to 30 and will be held on Zoom. We highly recommend registering for the whole series!

Session 1: The Framers and the Framing

The founders of this republic struggled to solve problems and establish a government in the context of the very challenging times in which they lived. We will discuss their motivations and their compromises, then overview the document itself, the Constitution of the United States of America. We will also learn about the ratification process and the addition of the Bill of Rights.

Date: Tuesday, Sep 14 Time: 7:30-9:00PM
Fee: \$15 (\$45 if you register for the full series)

Session 2: Amendments and Federalism

We will learn about the amendment process and some of the critical amendments that have been added since the Bill of Rights. We also look at proposed amendments, such as the alteration or elimination of the Electoral College and discuss amendments that you would favor.

Date: Tuesday, Oct 5 Time: 7:30-9:00PM
Fee: \$15 (\$45 if you register for the full series)

Session 3: Civil Liberties

The session on civil liberties will deal with issues that stem from the equal protection clause such as minority rights and women's rights. We will sample a few landmark Supreme Court cases including Brown v. Board, the University Michigan affirmative action cases, Shelby County v. Holder and US v. Virginia.

Date: Tuesday, Oct 26 Time: 7:30-9:00PM
Fee: \$15 (\$45 if you register for the full series)

Session 4: Civil Rights

During the session on civil rights, we will focus on issues regarding the freedoms of speech and of religion, and on due process rights such as those established in Roe v. Wade.

Date: Tuesday, Nov 9 Time: 7:30-9:00PM
Fee: \$15 (\$45 if you register for the full series)

Register for the full series (4 sessions) for \$45!

*Register online at <https://nce.reg.eleyo.com> or by phone with NCE, 781-455-0400 x5.
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