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Orozco would create local change

What is our Republican State Sen. Scott Brown trying to hide? He wouldn't agree to debate Democrat Sara Orozco in Needham or any other community north of Attleboro. And that one-and-only Attleboro debate? It will be held on a date that is too late for any pre-election reporting by our weekly Needham Times.

It's easy to see how this debate dodging serves the Republican incumbent, but how does it serve the voters of Needham? We deserve the chance compare these candidates on the issues. Perhaps Republican Scott Brown has figured out that if we were given that chance we'd quickly see how out-of-step he is with the values of most voters here.

You see, Scott Brown has accumulated a deeply conservative record. He stands against marriage equality and closing corporate tax loopholes, and he always gets an "A" on the NRA's legislative scorecard.

In other words, his policies are in lock-step with the discredited, right-wing approach of his party. We have a smart, progressive alternative in Democrat Sara Orozco of Needham. That means that Needhamites eager to vote for Barack Obama don't have to settle for failed and divisive Republican views in their local legislative delegation.

I'm guessing that Scott Brown has figured this out. That may explain why you will be hard pressed to find his party affiliation on his lawn signs and literature. On Nov. 4, let's vote for change, with Barack Obama nationally and Sara Orozco locally.

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