

We Are Change

Lisa Gimbel and Students at the Welcome Project



Students talked about what would make it easier to be healthy in our community.



This is the way we walk to the supermarket, where we can get fresh food. It is dangerous to walk here. We don't have enough public transportation.



We went to talk to the mayor about the changes we need. He agreed with us. He said he would help us improve public transportation.



We also went together to meet with other elected officials. We told them what we wanted.

EXTRA!

What can a mayor actually do? Download (and adapt to your needs) a worksheet about how much power a mayor has: www.nelrc.org/changeagent/extras.



One week later, we learned that the MBTA was going to cut the only bus that comes to our community, the 95 bus.



We participated in rallies and protests to say "NO!" So did thousands of other people in Massachusetts.



We went to meetings and made plans. We talked to our congresspeople. We showed the MBTA that we were a strong force in the community.



The MBTA agreed to keep the 95 bus! They are still going to raise the price, though. We will keep fighting!

EXTRA!

Interested in learning more? See <www.nelrc.org/changeagent/extras> for an essay by Lisa Gimbel about how she navigated this project with her ESOL students.