**PUBLIC POLICY WORKSHEET**

**Step 1**: Outlining an **ISSUE**

* A public policy issue is something within society that people want addressed by government. Most often, this is something negative (a problem or issue) that they want decreased or eliminated (like DWI).

Describe your issue **as specifically as you can**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Step 2**: What is your **GOAL/PURPOSE**? Describe what you would PRIMARILY like to accomplish by having government do something with your issue (for example, decreasing DWIs might have the goal of saving lives).

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**Step 3**: Identifying **EFFECTS** of the problem *“So What?”*

* Think about your issue and list two possible results of it happening. Some things to consider: WHO is it happening to? HOW MANY people are affected? WHY should government be the one to deal with the issue? In short, WHY should anyone CARE about the issue?

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**Step 4:** Identifying **CAUSES** of the problem *“Why is it happening?”*

* Think about your issue and list two possible reasons why it is happening:

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**Step 5**: Suggest possible **SOLUTIONS** and/or **POLICIES** that the government could apply to decrease the problem (if your issue is negative). Consider the CAUSES listed above to assist you in identifying policy choices.

1. Policy/action #1: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   1. PROs (What are the benefits/advantages of picking this option?)
   2. CONs (What negatives/costs are going to be created by this action/policy?)
2. Policy/action #2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   1. PROs (What are the benefits/advantages of picking this option?)
   2. CONs (What negatives/costs are going to be created by this action/policy?)

**Step 6**: Policy **CHOICE**: Select the most effective/positive Policy above that has the least negatives. This is your suggested government policy to address your issue.