

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 4, 2010?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would reduce the state sales and use tax rates (which were 6.25% as of September 2009) to 3% as of January 1, 2011. It would make the same reduction in the rate used to determine the amount to be deposited with the state Commissioner of Revenue by non-resident building contractors as security for the payment of sales and use tax on tangible personal property used in carrying out their contracts.

The proposed law provides that if the 3% rates would not produce enough revenues to satisfy any lawful pledge of sales and use tax revenues in connection with any bond, note, or other contractual obligation, then the rates would instead be reduced to the lowest level allowed by law.

The proposed law would not affect the collection of moneys due the Commonwealth for sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property or services occurring before January 1, 2011.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would reduce the state sales and use tax rates to 3%.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the state sales and use tax rates.

Aggregate of Votes	Yes	%	No	%	Blanks	%	Total Ballots
BARNSTABLE	48,982	45.52%	55,269	51.36%	3,358	3.12%	107,609
BERKSHIRE	12,339	28.65%	29,496	68.50%	1,227	2.85%	43,062
BRISTOL	77,895	44.51%	88,515	50.58%	8,593	4.91%	175,003
DUKES	3,409	39.98%	4,603	53.98%	515	6.04%	8,527
ESSEX	123,798	45.94%	138,346	51.34%	7,328	2.72%	269,472
FRANKLIN	6,876	24.49%	19,804	70.54%	1,396	4.97%	28,076
HAMPDEN	58,085	41.99%	74,428	53.81%	5,813	4.20%	138,326
HAMPSHIRE	16,902	29.62%	38,960	68.28%	1,201	2.10%	57,063
MIDDLESEX	221,715	39.74%	322,051	57.72%	14,208	2.55%	557,974
NANTUCKET	2,313	47.81%	2,344	48.45%	181	3.74%	4,838
NORFOLK	116,279	42.51%	146,743	53.65%	10,516	3.84%	273,538
PLYMOUTH	95,451	49.19%	92,555	47.70%	6,046	3.12%	194,052
SUFFOLK	53,263	28.32%	121,518	64.61%	13,294	7.07%	188,075
WORCESTER	129,666	47.26%	136,900	49.90%	7,782	2.84%	274,348
TOTALS	966,973	41.68%	1,271,532	54.81%	81,458	3.51%	2,319,963

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County				
Barnstable	9,961	9,802	476	20,239
Bourne	4,258	3,731	149	8,138
Brewster	2,167	2,887	302	5,356
Chatham	1,800	1,981	116	3,897
Dennis	3,487	3,938	287	7,712
Eastham	1,203	1,864	59	3,126
Falmouth	6,661	8,677	616	15,954
Harwich	2,894	3,516	144	6,554
Mashpee	3,156	3,104	216	6,476
Orleans	1,551	2,161	118	3,830
Provincetown	458	1,303	52	1,813
Sandwich	5,269	4,651	405	10,325
Truro	420	783	26	1,229
Wellfleet	671	1,099	50	1,820
Yarmouth	5,026	5,772	342	11,140
Totals	48,982	55,269	3,358	107,609
Berkshire County				
Adams	663	1,657	32	2,352
Alford	36	181	9	226
Becket	221	377	12	610
Cheshire	389	720	23	1,132
Clarksburg	160	385	4	549
Dalton	700	1,570	73	2,343
Egremont	184	409	14	607
Florida	120	127	6	253
Great Barrington	623	1,819	102	2,544
Hancock	116	166	3	285
Hinsdale	268	417	29	714
Lanesborough	334	688	30	1,052
Lee	556	1,381	46	1,983
Lenox	523	1,641	103	2,267
Monterey	113	276	11	400
Mount Washington	24	53	4	81
New Ashford	40	69	3	112
New Marlborough	202	376	13	591
NORTH ADAMS	872	2,561	95	3,528
Otis	248	321	14	583

Berkshire County (cont.)				
Peru	109	180	8	297
PITTSFIELD	3,828	8,728	330	12,886
Richmond	187	536	24	747
Sandisfield	132	169	21	322
Savoy	120	107	3	230
Sheffield	401	805	25	1,231
Stockbridge	207	627	70	904
Tyringham	66	149	2	217
Washington	84	178	7	269
West Stockbridge	176	420	45	641
Williamstown	500	2,175	53	2,728
Windsor	137	228	13	378
Totals	12,339	29,496	1,227	43,062
Bristol County				
Acushnet	1,802	2,065	205	4,072
ATTLEBORO	6,331	6,350	587	13,268
Berkley	1,324	1,056	77	2,457
Dartmouth	4,899	6,818	402	12,119
Dighton	1,379	1,327	64	2,770
Easton	4,509	4,314	253	9,076
Fairhaven	2,701	3,313	354	6,368
FALL RIVER	7,864	10,689	2,105	20,658
Freetown	1,734	1,772	62	3,568
Mansfield	4,206	4,419	306	8,931
NEW BEDFORD	8,989	12,487	1,136	22,612
North Attleborough	5,140	4,738	179	10,057
Norton	3,330	3,299	139	6,768
Raynham	2,726	2,510	256	5,492
Rehoboth	2,261	2,126	136	4,523
Seekonk	2,444	2,596	237	5,277
Somerset	3,117	3,756	607	7,480
Swansea	2,670	3,007	251	5,928
TAUNTON	7,709	8,375	860	16,944
Westport	2,760	3,498	377	6,635
Totals	77,895	88,515	8,593	175,003

QUESTION 3

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots		Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Dukes County					Hampden County				
Aquinnah.....	94	117	9	220	Agawam.....	4,988	5,628	220	10,836
Chilmark.....	209	338	33	580	Blandford.....	256	261	7	524
Edgartown.....	834	967	145	1,966	Brimfield.....	789	793	22	1,604
Gosnold.....	28	38	2	68	Chester.....	231	261	7	499
Oak Bluffs.....	914	1,111	120	2,145	CHICOPEE.....	7,047	8,640	674	16,361
Tisbury.....	785	1,137	81	2,003	East Longmeadow.....	2,874	3,244	144	6,262
West Tisbury.....	525	895	125	1,545	Granville.....	353	331	11	695
Totals	3,409	4,603	515	8,527	Hamden.....	1,138	1,098	27	2,263
Essex County					Holland.....	519	420	21	960
Amesbury.....	2,831	3,290	113	6,234	HOLYOKE.....	3,417	6,511	538	10,466
Andover.....	6,763	7,316	184	14,263	Longmeadow.....	2,748	4,460	164	7,372
BEVERLY.....	6,668	8,794	307	15,769	Ludlow.....	3,279	3,533	201	7,013
Boxford.....	2,349	1,836	68	4,253	Monson.....	1,426	1,649	124	3,199
Danvers.....	5,164	5,448	125	10,737	Montgomery.....	212	191	1	404
Essex.....	858	880	22	1,760	Palmer.....	1,906	2,246	156	4,308
Georgetown.....	1,955	1,663	72	3,690	Russell.....	310	269	2	581
GLOUCESTER.....	5,017	6,161	288	11,466	Southwick.....	1,814	1,622	70	3,506
Groveland.....	1,657	1,350	40	3,047	SPRINGFIELD.....	11,532	18,415	2,624	32,571
Hamilton.....	1,523	2,030	50	3,603	Tolland.....	112	94	4	210
HAVERHILL.....	10,115	9,249	416	19,780	Wales.....	384	318	13	715
Ipwich.....	2,906	3,372	105	6,383	West Springfield.....	3,796	4,698	308	8,802
LAWRENCE.....	4,194	7,291	1,760	13,245	WESTFIELD.....	5,862	6,472	339	12,673
LYNN.....	8,360	12,231	720	21,311	Wilbraham.....	3,092	3,274	136	6,502
Lynnfield.....	3,071	2,492	89	5,652	Totals	58,085	74,428	5,813	138,326
Manchester-by-the-Sea.....	1,212	1,486	54	2,752	Hampshire County				
Marblehead.....	4,382	5,582	206	10,170	Amherst.....	989	6,808	162	7,959
Merrimack.....	1,334	1,334	47	2,715	Belchertown.....	2,064	3,297	58	5,419
Methuen.....	8,114	6,809	403	15,326	Chesterfield.....	205	319	11	535
Middleton.....	1,980	1,463	65	3,508	Cummington.....	109	307	4	420
Nahant.....	861	1,000	53	1,914	Easthampton.....	2,088	4,093	107	6,288
Newbury.....	1,675	1,793	71	3,539	Goshen.....	158	306	4	468
NEWBURYPORT.....	3,556	4,921	158	8,635	Granby.....	1,307	1,659	88	3,054
North Andover.....	5,878	5,162	212	11,252	Hadley.....	619	1,601	44	2,264
PEABODY.....	9,714	10,181	540	20,435	Hatfield.....	516	997	21	1,534
					Huntington.....	383	450	4	837

Rockport.....	1,496	2,105	77	3,678	Middlefield.....	77	159	236
Rowley.....	1,446	1,244	33	2,723	NORTHAMPTON.....	2,356	9,378	12,067
SALEM.....	5,326	8,007	326	13,659	Polham.....	94	610	719
Salisbury.....	1,650	1,448	66	3,164	Plainfield.....	87	212	303
Saugus.....	5,389	4,820	385	10,594	South Hadley.....	2,410	3,984	6,490
Swampscott.....	2,843	3,880	149	6,872	Southampton.....	1,146	1,430	2,618
Topsfield.....	1,630	1,546	50	3,226	Ware.....	1,484	1,503	3,167
Wenham.....	794	1,035	38	1,867	Westhampton.....	307	543	851
West Newbury.....	1,087	1,127	36	2,250	Williamsburg.....	307	922	1,251
Totals.....	123,798	138,346	7,328	269,472	Worthington.....	196	382	583

Franklin County

Ashfield.....	191	672	17	880	Acton.....	3,191	5,995	9,298
Barnardston.....	236	604	38	878	Arlington.....	5,980	14,020	20,431
Buckland.....	152	595	56	803	Ashby.....	733	682	1,424
Charlmont.....	137	336	3	476	Ashland.....	2,851	3,618	6,554
Cohran.....	198	431	17	646	Ayer.....	1,275	1,256	2,577
Conway.....	254	721	11	986	Bedford.....	2,353	3,462	5,915
Deerfield.....	572	1,609	40	2,221	Belmont.....	3,767	7,209	11,184
Erving.....	136	353	19	508	Billerica.....	8,401	6,521	15,074
Gill.....	172	447	20	639	Boxborough.....	946	1,322	2,307
Greenfield.....	1,437	4,427	168	6,032	Burlington.....	4,800	4,510	9,475
Hawley.....	48	86	1	135	CAMBRIDGE.....	6,221	26,701	34,240
Heath.....	103	216	2	321	Carlisle.....	1,062	1,581	2,696
Leverett.....	153	833	12	998	Chelmsford.....	7,137	7,809	15,209
Leyden.....	83	263	7	353	Concord.....	2,760	5,811	8,765
Monroe.....	21	20	1	42	Draeut.....	5,951	4,995	11,176
Montague.....	778	2,212	44	3,034	Dunstable.....	732	682	1,432
New Salem.....	155	306	9	470	EVERETT.....	4,092	4,455	9,104
Northfield.....	356	846	45	1,247	Frammingham.....	7,812	11,907	20,149
Orange.....	579	1,208	792	2,579	Groton.....	2,145	2,646	4,876
Rowe.....	74	101	4	179	Holliston.....	2,890	3,676	6,642
Shelburne.....	163	661	32	856	Hopkinton.....	3,134	3,255	6,458
Shutesbury.....	140	762	14	916	Hudson.....	3,627	3,864	7,659
Sunderland.....	279	1,028	13	1,320	Lexington.....	4,213	10,047	14,503
Warwick.....	104	234	11	349	Lincoln.....	815	1,994	2,865
Wendell.....	105	316	7	428	Littleton.....	1,867	2,298	4,217
Whately.....	250	517	13	780	LOWELL.....	9,997	11,397	22,520
Totals.....	6,876	19,804	1,396	28,076	MALDEN.....	5,957	8,228	14,808

Middlesex County

Acton.....	3,191	5,995	112	9,298	Lowell.....	1,126	11,397	22,520
Arlington.....	5,980	14,020	431	20,431	MALDEN.....	5,957	8,228	14,808
Ashby.....	733	682	9	1,424	MARLBOROUGH.....	5,742	6,401	12,420
Ashland.....	2,851	3,618	85	6,554	Maynard.....	1,859	2,609	4,541
Ayer.....	1,275	1,256	46	2,577	MEDFORD.....	8,012	11,460	20,086
Bedford.....	2,353	3,462	100	5,915				
Belmont.....	3,767	7,209	208	11,184				
Billerica.....	8,401	6,521	152	15,074				
Boxborough.....	946	1,322	39	2,307				
Burlington.....	4,800	4,510	165	9,475				
CAMBRIDGE.....	6,221	26,701	1,318	34,240				
Carlisle.....	1,062	1,581	53	2,696				
Chelmsford.....	7,137	7,809	263	15,209				
Concord.....	2,760	5,811	194	8,765				
Draeut.....	5,951	4,995	230	11,176				
Dunstable.....	732	682	18	1,432				
EVERETT.....	4,092	4,455	557	9,104				
Frammingham.....	7,812	11,907	430	20,149				
Groton.....	2,145	2,646	85	4,876				
Holliston.....	2,890	3,676	76	6,642				
Hopkinton.....	3,134	3,255	69	6,458				
Hudson.....	3,627	3,864	168	7,659				
Lexington.....	4,213	10,047	243	14,503				
Lincoln.....	815	1,994	56	2,865				
Littleton.....	1,867	2,298	52	4,217				
LOWELL.....	9,997	11,397	1,126	22,520				
MALDEN.....	5,957	8,228	623	14,808				
MARLBOROUGH.....	5,742	6,401	277	12,420				
Maynard.....	1,859	2,609	73	4,541				
MEDFORD.....	8,012	11,460	614	20,086				

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County (cont.)				
MELROSE.....	4,990	7,015	406	12,411
Natick.....	5,575	8,136	299	14,010
NEWTON.....	10,416	23,616	1,441	35,473
North Reading.....	3,034	3,541	75	6,650
Pepperell.....	2,573	2,234	53	4,860
Reading.....	4,841	6,066	139	11,046
Sherborn.....	988	1,276	28	2,292
Shirley.....	1,239	1,138	61	2,438
SOMERVILLE.....	5,670	16,465	876	23,011
Stoneham.....	4,603	4,568	214	9,385
Stow.....	1,482	1,871	32	3,385
Sudbury.....	3,199	5,029	100	8,328
Tewksbury.....	6,353	5,118	189	11,660
Townsend.....	1,991	1,568	43	3,602
Tyngsborough.....	2,398	2,214	79	4,691
Wakefield.....	5,523	5,621	219	11,363
WALTHAM.....	7,098	9,922	522	17,542
Watertown.....	4,077	7,617	325	12,019
Wayland.....	2,288	3,995	101	6,384
Westford.....	4,544	5,122	106	9,772
Weston.....	2,246	2,915	87	5,248
Wilmington.....	210	4,273	210	9,311
Winchester.....	4,188	5,738	201	10,127
WOBURN.....	7,249	6,582	530	14,361
Totals	221,715	322,051	14,208	557,974
Nantucket County				
Nantucket.....	2,313	2,344	181	4,838
Totals	2,313	2,344	181	4,838
Norfolk County				
Avon.....	889	879	84	1,852
Bellingham.....	3,240	2,965	244	6,449
Braintree.....	6,938	7,657	747	15,342
Brookline.....	4,464	15,367	725	20,556
Canton.....	4,316	4,851	382	9,549
Plymouth County (cont.)				
Pembroke.....	4,066	3,319	133	7,518
Plymouth.....	11,076	11,000	316	22,392
Plympton.....	755	632	26	1,413
Rochester.....	1,261	1,120	80	2,461
Rockland.....	3,441	3,115	136	6,692
Scuttuate.....	4,288	4,582	302	9,172
Wareham.....	4,012	3,771	291	8,074
West Bridgewater.....	1,667	1,257	133	3,057
Whitman.....	2,719	2,683	155	5,557
Totals	95,451	92,555	6,046	194,052
Suffolk County				
BOSTON.....	42,996	109,472	11,844	164,312
CHELSEA.....	1,625	3,097	417	5,139
REVERE.....	5,597	5,596	703	11,896
Winthrop.....	3,045	3,353	330	6,728
Totals	53,263	121,518	13,294	188,075
Worcester County				
Ashburnham.....	1,210	1,289	24	2,523
Athol.....	1,502	1,894	34	3,430
Auburn.....	3,253	3,363	113	6,729
Barre.....	965	1,049	34	2,048
Berlin.....	714	693	19	1,426
Blackstone.....	1,620	1,514	167	3,301
Bolton.....	1,145	1,186	34	2,365
Boylston.....	942	1,138	101	2,181
Brookfield.....	703	583	19	1,305
Charlton.....	2,546	2,176	63	4,785
Clinton.....	2,341	2,312	118	4,771
Douglas.....	1,933	1,278	94	3,305
Dudley.....	2,020	1,679	46	3,745
East Brookfield.....	508	399	8	915
FITCHBURG.....	4,493	5,356	258	10,107
GARDNER.....	2,792	3,298	132	6,222
Grafton.....	3,412	3,147	130	6,689

Cohasset	1,798	1,815	210	3,823	Hardwick	474	518	22	1,014
Dedham	4,676	5,309	431	10,416	Harvard	1,186	1,641	51	2,878
Dover	1,441	1,402	63	2,906	Holden	3,914	4,621	99	8,634
Foxborough	3,783	3,339	156	7,278					
Franklin	6,112	6,507	210	12,829	Hopedale	1,239	1,268	65	2,572
					Hubbardston	1,080	950	27	2,057
Holbrook	1,979	1,933	164	4,076	Lancaster	1,474	1,424	34	2,932
Medfield	2,568	3,156	174	5,898	Lewiston	2,237	1,949	56	4,242
Medway	2,695	2,777	77	5,549	LEOMINSTER	6,393	6,672	320	13,385
Millis	1,806	1,874	52	3,732					
Milton	4,833	7,382	735	12,950	Lunenburg	2,235	2,211	77	4,523
					Mendon	1,268	1,236	30	2,534
Needham	4,775	9,075	404	14,254	Milford	4,441	4,161	443	9,045
Norfolk	2,281	2,064	158	4,503	Millbury	2,424	2,465	176	5,065
Norwood	5,343	5,615	411	11,369	Millville	617	504	33	1,154
Plainville	1,671	1,468	96	3,235					
QUINCY	13,126	16,491	2,010	31,627	New Braintree	224	212	13	449
					North Brookfield	1,009	858	27	1,894
Randolph	4,068	5,718	454	10,240	Northborough	3,078	3,448	105	6,681
Sharon	2,906	4,889	146	7,941	Northbridge	2,926	2,374	250	5,350
Stoughton	4,817	5,156	409	10,382	Oakham	485	443	11	939
Walpole	5,459	5,270	194	10,923	Oxford	2,584	2,179	91	4,854
Wellesley	4,226	7,184	558	11,968	Paxton	1,027	973	40	2,040
					Petersham	298	389	13	700
Westwood	3,276	3,680	372	7,328	Phillipston	367	344	4	715
Weymouth	10,343	10,705	770	21,818	Princeton	894	964	28	1,886
Wrentham	2,450	2,215	80	4,745					
Totals	116,279	146,743	10,516	273,538	Royalston	239	280	6	525
					Rutland	1,744	1,671	42	3,457
Plymouth County					Shrewsbury	6,441	7,242	376	14,059
Abington	3,142	3,049	144	6,335	Southborough	2,168	2,310	56	4,534
Bridgewater	4,404	4,468	296	9,168	Southbridge	1,948	2,347	179	4,474
BROCKTON	9,714	11,201	1,598	22,513	Spencer	2,212	1,882	73	4,167
Carver	2,472	2,006	118	4,596	Sterling	2,010	1,769	52	3,831
Duxbury	3,851	3,619	198	7,668	Sturbridge	1,952	1,914	48	3,914
					Sutton	2,418	1,813	117	4,348
East Bridgewater	2,773	2,439	180	5,392	Templeton	1,406	1,430	32	2,868
Halifax	1,716	1,352	97	3,165					
Hanover	3,349	3,081	180	6,610	Upton	1,693	1,525	50	3,268
Hanson	2,277	2,055	57	4,389	Uxbridge	2,911	2,296	252	5,459
Hingham	5,041	5,947	332	11,320	Warren	791	826	56	1,673
					Webster	1,579	2,213	120	4,930
Hull	2,048	2,505	147	4,700	West Boylston	1,625	1,625	50	3,254
Kingston	2,815	2,554	105	5,474					
Lakeville	2,473	2,020	147	4,640	West Brookfield	717	795	15	1,527
Marion	1,209	1,226	70	2,505	Westborough	2,940	3,735	154	6,829
Marshfield	6,093	5,455	178	11,726	Westminster	1,707	1,591	49	3,347
					Winchendon	1,554	1,421	45	3,020
Mattapoisett	1,440	1,712	118	3,270	WORCESTER	16,666	24,057	2,601	43,324
Middleborough	4,699	3,913	398	9,010					
Norwell	2,650	2,474	111	5,235	Totals	129,666	136,900	7,782	274,348

Shall the Town of Belmont accept sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of chapter 44B of the General Laws as proposed by a petition signed by at least five percent of the registered voters of this town, a summary of which appears below?

SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act ("Act"), establish a dedicated funding source to: acquire, create and preserve open space and land for recreational use; acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources; create, preserve and support community housing; and rehabilitate and restore open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created in accordance with the Act. In Belmont, the Act will be funded, beginning in Fiscal Year 2012, by an additional surcharge of one and one-half percent (1½ %) on the annual tax levy on real property and by matching funds provided by the state. The following exemptions from such surcharge, permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act, will apply: (1) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property; and (2) property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in surcharge. A Community Preservation Committee must be created pursuant to bylaw and will make recommendations on the use of the funds. Town Meeting must approve any such recommendation before funds can be expended. All expenditures pursuant to the Act will be subject to an annual audit.

In the Town of Belmont

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
Belmont	5,394	5,175	615	11,184
TOTALS.....	5,394	5,175	615	11,184

Shall the City of Marlborough accept sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws as proposed by at least five percent of the registered voters of Marlborough, a summary of which appears below?

Shall the Town of Middleborough accept sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, as proposed by its legislative body, a summary of which appears below?

SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act, establish a dedicated funding source to acquire, create and preserve open space, acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources, acquire, create and preserve land for recreational use, acquire create, preserve and support community housing, and rehabilitate or restore open space, land for recreational use and community housing acquired or created as provided in Section 5 of the Act. In Middleborough, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by an additional surcharge of 1% on the annual tax levy on the real property to be assessed beginning in fiscal year 2011, and by funds provided by the state. Property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town, and \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property will be exempt from the surcharge. A Community Preservation Committee will be established by-law following acceptance of the Act and will make recommendations to Town Meeting on the use of the funds.

In the Town of Middleborough

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Plymouth County				
Middleborough	4,371	3,795	844	9,010
TOTALS.....	4,371	3,795	844	9,010

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Sunderland accept sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, as proposed by a petition signed by at least five percent of the registered voters of this town, a summary of which appears below?

SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act ("Act"), establish a dedicated funding source to: acquire, create and preserve open space and land for recreational use; acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources; create, preserve and support community housing; and rehabilitate and restore open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created in accordance with the Act. In Sunderland, the Act will be funded, beginning in Fiscal Year 2012, by an additional surcharge of three percent (3%) on the annual tax levy on real property and by matching funds provided by the state. The following exemptions from such surcharge, permitted under Section 3 (e) of said Act, will apply: (1) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property; and (2) property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in surcharge. A Community Preservation Committee must be created pursuant to bylaw and will make recommendations on the use of the funds. Town Meeting must approve any such recommendation before funds can be expended, and at least 10% of the funds for each fiscal year will be spent or reserved for later spending on each of the Act's three community preservation purposes: (1) open space (excluding land for recreational use), (2) historic resources and (3) community housing. All expenditures pursuant to the Act will be subject to an annual audit.

In the Town of Sunderland

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Franklin County				
Sunderland.....	782	489	49	1,320
TOTALS.....	782	489	49	1,320

SUMMARY

Sections 3 through 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, also known as the Community Preservation Act (the "Act"), establish a dedicated funding source to enable cities and towns to (1) acquire open space which includes land for park and recreational uses and the protection of public drinking water sources and supplies, watershed land, marshes and wetlands, farm land, fields, forests, beaches, river, stream, lake and pond frontage, scenic areas, wildlife preserves and other conservation areas, (2) acquire and restore historic buildings and sites, and (3) create affordable housing.

In Marlborough, the funding source for these community preservation purposes will be a surcharge of 2% on the annual property tax assessed on all real property commencing in fiscal year 2011. Remedies provided by law for the collection of real estate taxes shall apply to said surcharge. The amount collected through the surcharge will be augmented by annual matching distributions, ranging from 5% to 100%, made by the state to the City of Marlborough from a trust fund created by the Act.

In addition, if approved, the following will be exempt from the surcharge: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who would qualify for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in Marlborough, as defined in Section 2 of the Act, and (2) one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property in Marlborough. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in the surcharge.

A Community Preservation Committee will be established by ordinance to study community preservation resources, possibilities, and needs, and to make annual recommendations to the city council on spending the funds. In every fiscal year, at least 30% of the annual funds will be spent, or reserved for later spending, on each of the Act's three preservation purposes as follows: (1) at least 10% for open space (excluding land for recreational purposes), (2) at least 10% for historic resources, and (3) at least 10% for affordable housing. The remaining 70% of the funds may be allocated to any of the three purposes without a percentage restriction, but not more than 5% may be allocated to administrative and operating expenses of the Community Preservation Committee.

In the City of Marlborough

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
MARLBOROUGH.....	5,331	5,777	1,312	12,420
TOTALS.....	5,331	5,777	1,312	12,420

Shall the Town of Gosnold accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body, a summary of which appears below?

SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act, establishes a dedicated funding source to acquire and preserve open space, parks and conservation land, protect public drinking water supplies, and scenic areas, protect farm land and forests from future development, restore and preserve historic properties, and help meet local families' housing needs. In Gosnold, the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act will be funded by an additional excise of 1.5% on the annual tax levy on real property to be assessed beginning in fiscal year 2012, and by matching funds provided by the state. The Town Meeting may also vote to accept one or more of the following exemptions from the surcharge, permitted under §3(e) of said Act: (i) property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town, as defined in §2 of said Act; (ii) class three, commercial, and class four, industrial, properties as defined in G.L. c.59, §2A; and (iii) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. Any other taxpayer receiving an exemption of real property authorized by Chapter 59 of the General Laws shall be exempt from said Act. A Community Preservation Committee will annually make recommendations on the use of the funds to the Town Meeting.

In the Town of Gosnold

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Dukes County				
Gosnold	43	23	2	68
TOTALS	43	23	2	68

Shall the city of Gardner vote to accept the provisions of section 6C of chapter 40 of the General Laws, which authorize the cities and towns to appropriate money for the removal of snow and ice from private ways therein open to public use?

In the City of Gardner

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
GARDNER	4,473	1,503	246	6,222
TOTALS	4,473	1,503	246	6,222

Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale of all alcoholic beverages (whiskey, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverages) to be drunk on the premises of restaurants?

SUMMARY

The Legislature has enacted and the Governor has signed Chapter 330 of the Acts and Resolves of 2010 which would permit the licensing of restaurants in the Town of Pepperell to serve all alcoholic beverages, including distilled spirits, for consumption on the premises. Such licenses would be issued by the Board of Selectmen as licensing authority subject to the approval of the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission. Currently, licenses for consumption on the premises of alcoholic beverages are limited to wine and malt beverages. A yes vote on this question would allow the issuance to restaurants of licenses for service of all alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises. A no vote would maintain the current limitations on issuance of licenses to wine and malt beverages only.

In the Town of Pepperell

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
Pepperell	3,844	940	76	4,860
TOTALS	3,844	940	76	4,860

QUESTION 4

Shall sections 1 to 7, inclusive, sections 10 to 13, inclusive, and sections 15 to 25, inclusive, of an act passed by the General Court in the year 2010 entitled 'An Act Relative to the Charter of the City known as the Town of Franklin,' be accepted?

SUMMARY

The proposed changes to the Franklin Charter contained in Sections 1-7, 10-13, and 15-25 of the Home Rule legislation include updates to various provisions to comply with existing law or to reflect current municipal practice; they also include several technical corrections. The major changes are summarized as follows: redefining duties of Town Council Clerk to comply with Open Meeting and Public Records laws, providing the Town Council with the ability to reorganize itself and flexibility in scheduling meetings, clarifying the Town Administrator's authority and duties including his appointing authority, updating the listing of standing committees and appointed positions to eliminate obsolete ones, provision for both a temporary and acting town administrator if the town administrator is absent or the position is vacant, reduction of the finance committee from eleven to nine members and updating of the process for their appointment, updating of annual budget and financial planning processes, elimination of obsolete section governing personnel suspension and removals, and elimination of obsolete transitional provisions in connection with charter's original adoption and prior amendment.

In the Town of Franklin

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Norfolk County				
Franklin.....	8,443	2,596	1,790	12,829
TOTALS.....	8,443	2,596	1,790	12,829

QUESTION 4

Shall the board of selectmen be authorized to grant up to 3 licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in replacement of up to 3 existing licenses for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises?

In the Town of Arlington

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
Arlington.....	12,169	6,478	1,784	20,431
TOTALS.....	12,169	6,478	1,784	20,431

QUESTION 4

Shall this town approve the revised charter recommended by the charter commission summarized below?

SUMMARY

The new Charter retains the current Council/Manager form of government. Below are the significant changes in the proposed charter.

- Town Council changes from 9 members to 7 (3 At Large 4 District).
- Terms of office for all elected officials change from 4 years to 3.
- Town election changes to the second Tuesday in June, those elected will take office July 1st.
- Requirements for Town Manager and Major Department Heads change.
- Town Clerk to be appointed.
- A new budget process is implemented.

In the Town of Palmer

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampden County				
Palmer	2,518	1,328	462	4,308
TOTALS	2,518	1,328	462	4,308

Shall the Town Treasurer-Collector be appointed, as provided in Sections 8, 9, 14 and 26 of that act, rather than elected?

SUMMARY

The proposed changes contained in Sections 8, 9, 14 and 26 of the Home Rule legislation eliminate Treasurer-Collector as an elected position and make it an appointed one; the appointment will be made by the Town Administrator and ratified by the Town Council as is presently the case for all other town officers except the Town Clerk. A transitional provision allows the incumbent Treasurer-Collector to continue in office until the end of his elected term.

In the Town of Franklin

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Norfolk County				
Franklin.....	4,339	7,421	1,069	12,829
TOTALS.....	4,339	7,421	1,069	12,829

Shall a charter study commission be created to study the present governmental structure of Plymouth County to consider and make findings concerning the form of government and make recommendations thereon?

In Plymouth County

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Plymouth County				
Abington.....	2,842	2,768	725	6,335
Bridgewater.....	4,405	4,467	296	9,168
BROCKTON.....	9,662	9,055	3,796	22,513
Carver.....	1,899	2,186	511	4,596
Duxbury.....	3,447	3,347	874	7,668
East Bridgewater.....	2,258	2,410	724	5,392
Halifax.....	1,354	1,457	354	3,165
Hanover.....	2,778	3,022	810	6,610
Hanson.....	1,963	2,086	340	4,389
Hingham.....	5,133	4,725	1,462	11,320
Hull.....	2,250	1,861	589	4,700
Kingston.....	2,481	2,455	538	5,474
Lakeville.....	1,940	2,149	551	4,640
Marion.....	1,029	1,188	288	2,505
Marshfield.....	5,306	5,288	1,132	11,726
Mattapoisett.....	1,232	1,631	407	3,270
Middleborough.....	3,713	3,837	1,460	9,010
Norwell.....	2,342	2,264	629	5,235
Pembroke.....	3,227	3,586	705	7,518
Plymouth.....	11,716	8,844	1,832	22,392
Plympton.....	665	619	129	1,413
Rochester.....	873	1,218	370	2,461
Rockland.....	2,996	655	6,692	3,041
Scituate.....	4,016	3,852	1,304	9,172
Wareham.....	3,669	3,355	1,050	8,074
West Bridgewater.....	1,281	1,316	460	3,057
Whitman.....	2,417	2,557	583	5,557
TOTALS.....	86,894	84,584	22,574	194,052

Shall the revisions to the Barnstable County Charter proposed by the Assembly of Delegates be adopted?

SUMMARY

The revisions to the Barnstable County Charter proposed by the Assembly of Delegates would streamline the provisions of the Charter by deleting language that is contained in other administrative and regulatory codes and would modify certain procedural provisions relating to the Assembly of Delegates that would promote efficiency. The proposed revisions would also modify administrative provisions of county government that would promote the intent and purposes of the Charter. Lastly, the proposed revisions would delete transitional provisions of the Charter that are no longer needed.

In Barnstable County

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County				
Barnstable	12,695	4,316	3,228	20,239
Bourne	5,209	1,361	1,568	8,138
Brewster	3,468	839	1,049	5,356
Chatham	2,734	499	664	3,897
Dennis	5,088	1,249	1,375	7,712
Eastham	2,186	463	477	3,126
Falmouth	10,118	2,313	3,523	15,954
Harwich	4,530	1,043	981	6,554
Mashpee	4,246	1,078	1,152	6,476
Orleans	2,629	579	622	3,830
Provincetown	1,164	309	340	1,813
Sandwich	6,294	1,722	2,309	10,325
Truro	794	224	211	1,229
Wellfleet	1,126	346	346	1,820
Yarmouth	7,266	1,996	1,878	11,140
TOTALS	69,547	18,339	19,723	107,609

Shall the Town of Granby be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to construct a new school facility at 385 East State Street, Granby, MA?

In the Town of Granby

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampshire County				
Granby	1,472	1,532	50	3,054
TOTALS	1,472	1,532	50	3,054

Shall the Town of Barnstable be allowed to assess an additional \$750,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the sewer system stabilization fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011?

In the Town of Barnstable

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County				
Barnstable	5,249	13,878	1,112	20,239
TOTALS	5,249	13,878	1,112	20,239

QUESTION 6

Shall the Town of Barnstable be allowed to assess an additional \$3,000,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of creating a stabilization fund for funding the taking, layout and improvement of certain private ways as town ways for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011?

In the Town of Barnstable

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County				
Barnstable	3,473	15,639	1,127	20,239
TOTALS.....	3,473	15,639	1,127	20,239

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Hudson be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to fund the demolition of the existing John F. Kennedy middle School structure; and the design, construction, equipping and furnishing of a new Middle School at the existing site at 201 Manning Street?

In the Town of Hudson

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
Hudson	4,314	2,830	515	7,659
TOTALS.....	4,314	2,830	515	7,659

QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Sandwich be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued for the purpose of constructing improvements and remodeling, construction, reconstruction and making extraordinary repairs to Town buildings?

In the Town of Sandwich

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County				
Sandwich	3,767	5,389	1,169	10,325
TOTALS.....	3,767	5,389	1,169	10,325

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Dighton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds to be issued in order to finance the design, construction, original equipping and furnishing of a new public library facility, including all costs incidental and related thereto?

In the Town of Dighton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Bristol County				
Dighton	1,011	1,629	130	2,770
TOTALS.....	1,011	1,629	130	2,770

Shall the Town of West Newbury be required to reduce the amount of real estate and personal property taxes to be assessed for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and ten by an amount equal to \$170,000.00?
In the Town of West Newbury

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County				
West Newbury	1,681	445	124	2,250
TOTALS.....	1,681	445	124	2,250

QUESTION 4

Shall the City of Northampton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to partially finance the construction of a new Police Facility up to \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars)?
In the City of Northampton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampshire County				
NORTHAMPTON	6,647	4,528	892	12,067
TOTALS.....	6,647	4,528	892	12,067

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Hubbardston be allowed to assess an additional \$90,649.37 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding cleanup of the December, 2008 Ice Storm, for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and ten?
In the Town of Hubbardston

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Hubbardston.....	604	1,406	47	2,057
TOTALS.....	604	1,406	47	2,057

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Whately be allowed to assess an additional \$60,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the municipal capital stabilization fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011?
In the Town of Whately

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Franklin County				
Whately.....	249	510	21	780
TOTALS.....	249	510	21	780

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Hardwick be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for bonds issued in order to pay for the Towns' apportioned share of the Quabbin Regional School District Educational Support Center Construction Project?

In the Town of Hardwick

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Hardwick	451	484	79	1,014
TOTALS.....	451	484	79	1,014

QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Hardwick be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for bonds issued in order to pay for upgrades to the Hardwick Center Water System Reconstruction Project?

In the Town of Hardwick

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Hardwick	454	488	72	1,014
TOTALS.....	454	488	72	1,014

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Hanson be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay the Town's allocable share of the bond issued by the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District for the purpose of paying costs of a feasibility study to understand the best solution to the physical and educational deficiencies of the Maquan Elementary School, located at 38 School Street, Hanson, Massachusetts, which options shall include, but not be limited to renovating, reconstructing, expanding, remodeling and adding to the Maquan Elementary School, or any combination of the foregoing, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?

In the Town of Hanson

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Plymouth County				
Hanson	2,162	1,903	324	4,389
TOTALS.....	2,162	1,903	324	4,389

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Northbridge be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to design and construct a Department of Public Works facility?

In the Town of Northbridge

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Northbridge.....	2,053	2,886	611	5,550
TOTALS.....	2,053	2,886	611	5,550

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Boxford be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay costs of architectural, engineering, permitting, bidding, renovation, construction, equipping and all other related expenses to renovate, expand and construct a new Boxford Village Library located at 10 Elm Street, said design and construction generally in accordance with the approved 2004 library construction grant application which will provide up to \$2,784,000 in state reimbursement?

In the Town of Boxford

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County				
Boxford.....	2,142	2,034	77	4,253
TOTALS.....	2,142	2,034	77	4,253