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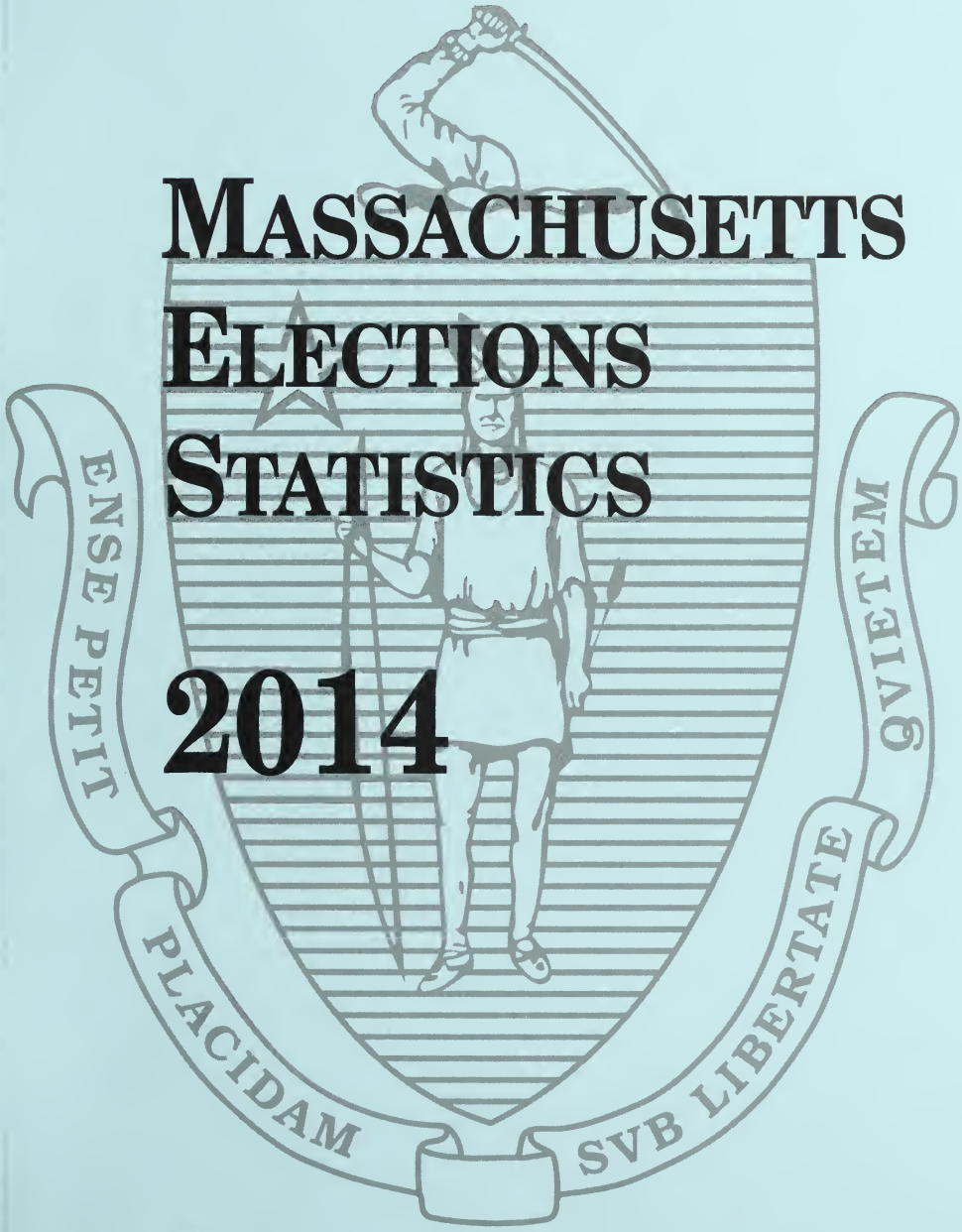


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## QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Chilmark 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 repair and reconstruct certain public ways?

**In the Town of Chilmark**

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Dukes County** | | | | |
| Chilmark..... | 308 | 110 | 93 | 511 |
| **TOTALS.....** | **308** | **110** | **93** | **511** |

## QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Franklin be allowed to assess an additional $1,500,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a stabilization fund as provided in GL Chapter 40 Section 5 B, said funds to be expended solely for roadway, sidewalk and related drainage work for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and fifteen?

**In the Town of Franklin**

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Norfolk County** | | | | |
| Franklin..... | 3,583 | 8,289 | 395 | 12,267 |
| **TOTALS.....** | **3,583** | **8,289** | **395** | **12,267** |

## QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Walpole 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 design and constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new Police Station, Senior Center, Fire Station, and Public Works building, and the renovation of, equipping of and improvements to the Town Hall, Public Works Garage, and current Police Station (as part of the new Fire Station), along with any and all work associated with and appurtenant thereto, including the cost of a project manager and other related costs?

**In the Town of Walpole**

## QUESTION 7

Shall the Town of Orleans be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to pay costs of constructing streetscape enhancements to the Main Street Intersection with Route 6A and with Route 28 not being funded under the MassDOT project, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto?

**In the Town of Orleans**

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Barnstable County** | | | | |
| Orleans ..... | 1,950 | 1,314 | 224 | 3,488 |
| **TOTALS.....** | **1,950** | **1,314** | **224** | **3,488** |

## QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Charlton 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 purchase a fire engine to replace and combine engines T-1 & E 5?

**In the Town of Charlton**

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Worcester County** | | | | |
| Charlton..... | 2,519 | 1,820 | 225 | 4,564 |
| **TOTALS.....** | **2,519** | **1,820** | **225** | **4,564** |

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Norfolk County** | | | | |
| Walpole | 4,709 | 5,758 | 305 | 10,772 |
| **TOTALS** | **4,709** | **5,758** | **305** | **10,772** |

## QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Orleans be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to pay costs of a partial window/door replacement project at Orleans Elementary School, located at 46 Eldredge Park Way, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto?

**In the Town of Orleans**

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Barnstable County** | | | | |
| Orleans | 2,641 | 640 | 207 | 3,488 |
| **TOTALS** | **2,641** | **640** | **207** | **3,488** |

## QUESTION 6

Shall the Town of Orleans be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to pay costs of preparing design plans for the construction of a new Department of Public Works maintenance garage to be located on Giddiah Hill Road, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto?

**In the Town of Orleans**

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Barnstable County** | | | | |
| Orleans | 1,911 | 1,349 | 228 | 3,488 |
| **TOTALS** | **1,911** | **1,349** | **228** | **3,488** |

## QUESTION 6

Shall the Town of Charlton 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 purchase a 2015 Freightliner Dump Truck for use by the Highway Department?

**In the Town of Charlton**

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Worcester County** | | | | |
| Charlton | 2,032 | 2,311 | 221 | 4,564 |
| **TOTALS** | **2,032** | **2,311** | **221** | **4,564** |

## QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Spencer be allowed to assess an additional Four Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand Dollars ($484,000) in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the following departmental services: Council on Aging ($90,000), Richard Sugden Library ($92,000), Fire Department ($36,000), Police Department ($16,000), Highway Department ($51,000), Parks & Recreation ($61,000), Board of Health ($4,000), Town Administrator ($10,000), Town Accountant ($10,000), Assessors ($24,000), Treasurer/Collector ($17,000), Town Clerk ($26,000), Inspectional Services ($37,000), and Miscellaneous Boards and Committees ($10,000) for the fiscal year beginning July first 2014?

**In the Town of Spencer**

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Worcester County** | | | | |
| Spencer | 1,698 | 2,215 | 90 | 4,003 |
| **TOTALS** | **1,698** | **2,215** | **90** | **4,003** |

## QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Wilbraham 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 Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District for the purpose of paying costs of the Project Costs for the Wilbraham Middle School, 446 Stony Hill Road, Wilbraham, Massachusetts, Roof Project, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?

**In the Town of Wilbraham**

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Hampden County** | | | | |
| Wilbraham..... | 2,660 | 2,902 | 602 | 6,164 |
| **TOTALS.....** | **2,660** | **2,902** | **602** | **6,164** |

## QUESTION 6

Shall the Town of Wilbraham 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 Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District for the purpose of paying costs of the Project Costs for the Soule Road School, 300 Soule Road, Wilbraham, Massachusetts, Windows/Doors Project, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?

**In the Town of Wilbraham**

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Hampden County** | | | | |
| Wilbraham..... | 2,650 | 2,899 | 615 | 6,164 |
| **TOTALS.....** | **2,650** | **2,899** | **615** | **6,164** |

## QUESTION 5

Shall the town of Royalston be allowed to assess an additional $50,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a capital projects stabilization fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014?

**In the Town of Royalston**

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Worcester County** | | | | |
| Royalston..... | 215 | 295 | 33 | 543 |
| **TOTALS.....** | **215** | **295** | **33** | **543** |

## QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of North Brookfield be allowed to assess an additional $80,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of purchasing two cruiser vehicles for the Police Department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014?

**In the Town of North Brookfield**

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Worcester County** | | | | |
| North Brookfield... | 672 | 1,060 | 58 | 1,790 |
| **TOTALS.....** | **672** | **1,060** | **58** | **1,790** |

## QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Northbridge be allowed to assess an additional $311,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the following capital purchases for the School Department: pick-up truck replacement; kitchen repairs at the Balmer School; air conditioner replacement for the Middle School auditorium; locker room HVAC unit replacement for the Middle School; building and grounds security cameras and key card/fob boxes at the High School, Middle School, Balmer School, and Northbridge Elementary School; and technology switch additions and replacements at the High School, Middle School, Balmer School, and Northbridge Elementary School, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014?

**In the Town of Northbridge**

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Worcester County** | | | | |
| Northbridge..... | 2,533 | 2,760 | 222 | 5,515 |
| **TOTALS.....** | **2,533** | **2,760** | **222** | **5,515** |

## QUESTION 6

Shall the Town of Northbridge be allowed to assess an additional $300,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a road maintenance and repair program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014?

**In the Town of Northbridge**

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Worcester County** | | | | |
| Northbridge..... | 2,792 | 2,569 | 154 | 5,515 |
| **TOTALS.....** | **2,792** | **2,569** | **154** | **5,515** |

## QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Swampscott be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to finance the design, construction and equipping of a new elementary school commonly referred to as the Hadley-New Elementary School project, located behind the Swampscott Middles School at 207 Forest Avenue, Swampscott, Massachusetts, including all costs incidental and related thereto?

**In the Town of Swampscott**

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Essex County** | | | | |
| Swampscott ..... | 1,894 | 4,483 | 289 | 6,666 |
| **TOTALS.....** | **1,894** | **4,483** | **289** | **6,666** |

## QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Holbrook 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 construction of a building or buildings and to acquire equipment and furnishings related thereto for a pre-kindergarten to grade twelve school and all costs incidental and related thereto?

**In the Town of Holbrook**

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Norfolk County** | | | | |
| Holbrook..... | 3,102 | 1,108 | 137 | 4,347 |
| **TOTALS.....** | **3,102** | **1,108** | **137** | **4,347** |

## 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 the bonds issued in order to pay the costs of the (i) Gilbertville Water Pollution Control Facility Upgrade Project, including but not limited to the costs of treatment facility improvements, chemical system upgrades, control building renovations, construction of an operations building, electrical facilities improvements, and the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and (ii) the construction of a Wastewater Pollution Control Facility in the Wheelwright Village District of the Town, consisting of a new treatment facility, a submersible pump station, two concrete sequencing batch reactor tanks, a concrete sludge holding tank, a block building, a post equalization disinfection tank, decommissioning and demolition of the former plant engineering costs?

**In the Town of Hardwick**

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Worcester County** | | | | |
| Hardwick ..... | 456 | 499 | 63 | 1,018 |
| **TOTALS.....** | **456** | **499** | **63** | **1,018** |

## QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Templeton be allowed to assess an additional $57,900 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding 2% raises and equity adjustments for municipal employees for the fiscal year beginning July first, Two Thousand and fourteen?

**In the Town of Templeton**

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Worcester County** | | | | |
| Templeton..... | 801 | 1,876 | 57 | 2,734 |
| **TOTALS.....** | **801** | **1,876** | **57** | **2,734** |

## QUESTION 6

Shall the Town of Templeton be allowed to assess an additional $25,600 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a part-time administrative assistant for the Board of Assessors and a part-time administrative assistant for the Town clerk for the fiscal year beginning July first, Two Thousand and fourteen?

**In the Town of Templeton**

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Worcester County** | | | | |
| Templeton..... | 733 | 1,955 | 46 | 2,734 |
| **TOTALS.....** | **733** | **1,955** | **46** | **2,734** |

## QUESTION 5

Shall this Town 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**

This question involves the Town's acceptance of G.L. c.44B, §§3-7, also known as the Community Preservation Act ("Act"), approving a surcharge of 1% of the tax levy on real property. The May 12, 2014 Annual Town Meeting voted to accept the Act and impose a surcharge in the amount of 1% of the annual tax levy, effective July 1, 2014, and further to provide an exemption under Section 3(e) of the Act for 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.

The Act allows municipalities to impose a surcharge on real property to establish a dedicated source of funds for open space, historic resources and community housing purposes, and entitles the Town to receive a percentage of matching funds from the state. The Community Preservation Committee makes recommendations to Town Meeting on the use of such funds, and at least 10% of the funds to be collected through the surcharge, any other annual revenues appropriated to the fund, and the state match, must be spent or reserved for later spending on each of the Act's three community preservation purposes. All expenditures pursuant to the Act are subject to an annual audit.

**In the Town of Boxborough**

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Middlesex County** | | | | |
| Boxborough ..... | 1,201 | 826 | 75 | 2,102 |
| **TOTALS.....** | **1,201** | **826** | **75** | **2,102** |

## QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Newbury accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by the Annual Town Meeting on May 20th 2014, 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: (1) create and rehabilitate recreation lands including parks, playgrounds and athletic fields; (2) preserve and rehabilitate historic resources including historic buildings, documents and artifacts; help meet the housing needs of local families and seniors; and (3) acquire and preserve open space including land to protect drinking water supplies, scenic areas, farmland and forests.

In the Town of Newbury, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by an additional excise of 1.5% (with exemptions set forth below) on the annual tax levy on real property to be assessed beginning in fiscal year 2016, and by annual distributions provided by the state from a Trust Fund created by the Act. The Commonwealth provides these funds only to communities adopting the Act. A Community Preservation Committee composed of local citizens will make annual recommendations on the use of the funds, and each expenditure must be approved by Town Meeting.

If approved, the following will be exempt from the surcharge:
(1) Property owned and occupied as a domicile (home) by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town, as defined in Section 2 of said Act;
(2) $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property; and
(3) $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of class three, commercial property, and class four, industrial property as defined in section 2A of said Chapter 59.

A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in the surcharge.

**In the Town of Newbury**

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Essex County** | | | | |
| Newbury ..... | 1,493 | 1,647 | 228 | 3,368 |
| **TOTALS.....** | **1,493** | **1,647** | **228** | **3,368** |

## QUESTION 5

Shall this Town amend its acceptance of sections 3 to 7, inclusive of chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body?

### SUMMARY

This question involves amendment of the Town's 2007 acceptance of G.L. c.44B, §§3-7, also known as the Community Preservation Act ("Act"), approving a surcharge of .5% of the tax levy on real property. The May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting voted to increase that surcharge to 1% of the annual tax levy and to authorize Town Meeting to appropriate to the Community Preservation Fund additional municipal revenues not exceeding 2% of the tax levy. The amended acceptance of the Act would be implemented beginning July 1, 2015. The Act allows municipalities to impose a surcharge on real property to establish a dedicated source of funds for open space, historic resources and community housing purposes, and entitles the Town to receive a percentage of matching funds from the state. The Community Preservation Committee makes recommendations to Town Meeting on the use of such funds, and at least 10% of the funds to be collected through the surcharge, any other annual revenues appropriated to the fund, and the state match, must be spent or reserved for later spending on each of the Act's three community preservation purposes. All expenditures pursuant to the Act are subject to an annual audit. The following exemptions from such surcharge, permitted under Section 3(e) of the Act were approved in the Town's 2007 acceptance of the Act and will continue to apply: (1) 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; and (2) $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property.

**In the Town of Essex**

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Essex County** | | | | |
| Essex | 499 | 767 | 382 | 1,648 |
| **TOTALS** | **499** | **767** | **382** | **1,648** |

## QUESTION 5

Shall this City 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 Community Preservation Act, establish a dedicated funding source to acquire, create, and preserve open space, including land for parks, recreational uses and conservation land; acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources including historic building; acquire, create, preserve, rehabilitate and restore land for recreational use, including parks, playgrounds and athletic fields; and to acquire, create, preserve and support affordable housing. In Woburn, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by an additional one percent (1%) on the annual tax levy against real estate to be assessed beginning in Fiscal 2016 (July 1, 2015); and by annual distributions from the state. Exempt from this surcharge will be 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 city as defined in Section 2 of the Chapter 44B; $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property, and $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of class three, commercial property, and class four, industrial property as defined in section 2A of chapter 59, of the General Laws. Any taxpayer who receives a property tax abatement or exemption under Chapter 59 of the General Laws will also receive a pro rata reduction in the surcharge. A Community Preservation Committee composed of local citizens will make recommendations on the use of the funds which must then be approved by the City Council. All expenditures will be subject to an annual audit.

**In the City of Woburn**

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Middlesex County** | | | | |
| Woburn | 6,169 | 6,302 | 1,427 | 13,898 |
| **TOTALS** | **6,169** | **6,302** | **1,427** | **13,898** |

## QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Otis accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by the Annual Town Meeting on May 20th 2014, 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 and preserve open space, parks and conservation land, protect public drinking water supplies and scenic areas, protect farmland and forests from future development, preserve and rehabilitate historic resources including historic buildings, artifacts and sites, create and rehabilitate recreational lands including trails, playgrounds and athletic fields, and help meet the housing needs of local families and seniors. In the Town of Otis, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by an additional excise of 3% on the annual tax levy on real property to be assessed beginning in fiscal year 2016, and by annual distributions provided by the state from a Trust Fund created by the Act. The Commonwealth provides these funds only to communities adopting the Act. If approved, the following will be exempt from the surcharge (1) 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 Section 2 of said Act; (2) $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property; and (3) $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of class three, commercial property, and class four, industrial property as defined in section 2A of said Chapter 59. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in the surcharge. A Community Preservation Committee composed of local citizens will make annual recommendations on the use of the funds, and all expenditures must be approved by Town Meeting.

**In the Town of Otis**

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Berkshire County** | | | | |
| Otis..... | 263 | 286 | 39 | 588 |
| **TOTALS.....** | **263** | **286** | **39** | **588** |

## QUESTION 5

Shall Egremont 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, inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, also known as the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act, establish a dedicated funding source for the purposes permitted by said Act, including (1) the acquisition, preservation or rehabilitation of historic resources including historic buildings, artifacts, documents and sites; (2) the acquisition, creation or preservation of land for scenic areas, drinking water supplies, wetlands, beaches, marshes, forests, pastures, and agricultural lands; (3) the acquisition, creation or support of community housing for families, seniors, veterans and others: and (4) the acquisition, creation or rehabilitation of land for outdoor recreational facilities including parks, playgrounds and athletic fields. In Egremont, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by an additional excise of 3% on the annual tax levy on real property to be assessed beginning in fiscal year 2016, and by annual distributions provided by the state. The Town hereby accepts the following exemptions from such surcharge permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act: (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 the Town, as defined in Section 2 of said Act; and (2) $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in surcharge. A Community Preservation Committee composed of local citizens will make recommendations on the use of the funds, and all expenditures shall be approved by Town Meeting.

**In the Town of Egremont**

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Berkshire County** | | | | |
| Egremont..... | 254 | 328 | 50 | 632 |
| **TOTALS.....** | **254** | **328** | **50** | **632** |

## QUESTION 5

Shall this Town amend its acceptance of sections 3 to 7, inclusive of chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body?

### Summary

This question involves amendment of the Town's acceptance of G.L. c.44B, §§3-7, also known as the Community Preservation Act (the "Act"), by increasing the surcharge imposed on real property from one and one-half percent (1½ %) to three percent (3%) of the tax levy, as determined annually by the Board of Assessors. The Act allows municipalities to impose a surcharge on real property to establish a dedicated source of funds for the three purposes of the Act: open space, including land for recreational use; historic resources; and community housing. Acceptance of the Act also entitles municipalities to receive an annual distribution from the Massachusetts Community Preservation Trust Fund, which supplements the funds collected pursuant to the surcharge imposed by the Town and increases the available funds for eligible projects.

As approved under Article 2 of the February 12, 2001 Special Town Meeting and by the voters at the 2001 Annual Town Election, the surcharge was initially fixed at one percent (1%) of the annual property tax assessed on real property. An increase in the surcharge to one and one-half percent (1½ %) was later approved under Article 38 of the May 1, 2006 Annual Town Meeting and by the voters at the 2006 biennial state election. On a motion made under Article 37 of the April 28, 2014 Annual Town Meeting, the Amherst Town Meeting voted to increase the surcharge to three percent (3%). If approved, the additional surcharge would be imposed on taxes assessed for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2014.

The Act contains certain mandatory exemptions and also allows municipalities to approve certain optional exemptions. The Town has adopted two such optional exemptions from the surcharge: (1) any 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 Amherst; and, (2) one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.00) of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. Regardless of whether this question passes or fails, these exemptions will continue to be applicable in the Town of Amherst.

**In the Town of Amherst**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Hampshire County** | | | | |
| Amherst ..... | 3,641 | 3,168 | 1,125 | 7,934 |
| **TOTALS.....** | **3,641** | **3,168** | **1,125** | **7,934** |

## QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Arlington 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 "Community Preservation Act" (hereinafter "CPA"), establishes a dedicated funding source to enable the Town to: (1) acquire or preserve open space, and rehabilitate or create local parks, playgrounds and athletic fields; (2) preserve or restore historic resources and artifacts; and (3) help meet local families' housing needs. In the Town of Arlington, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by a surcharge of 1.5% on the annual property tax assessed on real property, subject to the exemptions below, beginning in fiscal year 2016, and by annual distributions from a trust fund provided by the state under the CPA. The Commonwealth provides distributions from the fund only to communities adopting the CPA.

If approved, the following will be exempt from the surcharge: (1) $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property; (2) 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 (3) $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of class three, commercial property, and class four, industrial property as defined in section 2A of said Chapter 59. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in the surcharge.

Upon acceptance of the CPA by the voters, a Community Preservation Committee must be established by by-law to study community preservation needs, possibilities and resources, and to make annual recommendations to Town Meeting for approval on spending the funds. 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, such as parks and playgrounds (2) historic resources and (3) community housing in the Town of Arlington.

**In the Town of Arlington**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Middlesex County** | | | | |
| Arlington ..... | 10,061 | 8,488 | 1,192 | 19,741 |
| **TOTALS.....** | **10,061** | **8,488** | **1,192** | **19,741** |

# QUESTION 5

Shall the City of New Bedford 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 Community Preservation Act (Act), establish a dedicated funding source to enable cities and towns to (1) acquire and preserve open space, which includes land for park and recreational uses and the protection of public drinking water well fields, aquifers and recharge areas, wetlands, farm land, forests, marshes, beaches, scenic areas, wildlife preserves and other conservation areas, (2) acquire and restore historic buildings and sites, and (3) create affordable housing.

In the City of New Bedford, the funding source for these community preservation purposes will be a surcharge of 1.5% on the annual property tax assessed on real property commencing in fiscal year 2016 and annual distributions made by the state from a trust fund created by the Act. If approved, the following will be exempt from the surcharge: (1) 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 City of New Bedford, as defined in Section 2 of said Act; (2) $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of class three, commercial, and class four, industrial, properties as defined in G. L. c. 59, § 2A; (3) $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in 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 New Bedford City Council on spending the funds. 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 (including land for recreational use), (2) historic resources and (3) affordable housing.

**In the City of New Bedford**

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Bristol County** | | | | |
| New Bedford..... | 8,803 | 7,406 | 1,743 | 17,952 |
| **TOTALS.....** | **8,803** | **7,406** | **1,743** | **17,952** |

# QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Berkley 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, inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws, otherwise known as the Community Preservation Act, approving a surcharge on real property for the purposes permitted by said Act, including the acquisition, preservation, and creation of open space, the acquisition, preservation, and rehabilitation of historic resources, the acquisition, creation, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of land for recreational use, the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of community housing, and the rehabilitation and restoration of such open space and community housing that is acquired or created as provided under said Act. The amount of such surcharge on real property shall be 1% of the annual real estate tax levy against real property; any 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 of Berkley, as defined by Section 2 of said Act, and One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($100,000.00) of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property, shall be exempt from surcharge pursuant to Section 3(a) of the Act.

**In the Town of Berkley**

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Bristol County** | | | | |
| Berkley..... | 786 | 1,235 | 112 | 2,133 |
| **TOTALS.....** | **786** | **1,235** | **112** | **2,133** |

## QUESTION 5 OR 6
## THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state senator from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation that would prohibit candidates for state or local office from taking campaign contributions from industries regulated by such offices; regulate campaign spending by corporations; require increased disclosure of contributions to, and spending by, groups unaffiliated with candidates or political parties; provide voters with a tax rebate to make contributions to their preferred candidates; prohibit elected officials and their senior staff from negotiating a future job while in office and engaging in any lobbying activity for five years once they leave office; and increase penalties for candidates and groups that violate campaign finance laws?

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Hampshire, Franklin & Worcester Senate District** | | | | |
| Amherst | 6,104 | 830 | 1,000 | 7,934 |
| Bernardston | 124 | 564 | 120 | 808 |
| Colrain | 391 | 81 | 129 | 601 |
| Deerfield | 1,679 | 327 | 254 | 2,260 |
| Erving | 364 | 102 | 53 | 519 |
| Gill | 487 | 90 | 72 | 649 |
| Greenfield | 3,923 | 765 | 877 | 5,565 |
| Hadley | 1,541 | 297 | 374 | 2,212 |
| Hatfield | 1,082 | 228 | 174 | 1,484 |
| Leverett | 628 | 79 | 230 | 937 |
| Leyden | 273 | 54 | 45 | 372 |
| Montague | 1,883 | 449 | 716 | 3,048 |
| New Salem | 269 | 54 | 139 | 462 |
| Northampton | 9,178 | 1,103 | 1,467 | 11,748 |
| Northfield | 846 | 163 | 171 | 1,180 |
| Orange | 1,551 | 488 | 307 | 2,346 |
| Pelham | 521 | 74 | 81 | 676 |
| Royalston | 330 | 125 | 88 | 543 |
| Shutesbury | 595 | 65 | 241 | 901 |
| S. Hadley | 4,273 | 1,003 | 1,140 | 6,416 |
| Sunderland | 932 | 162 | 138 | 1,232 |
| Warwick | 206 | 46 | 107 | 359 |
| Wendell | 328 | 27 | 64 | 419 |
| Whately | 439 | 88 | 221 | 748 |
| **TOTALS** | **37,947** | **7,264** | **8,208** | **53,419** |

## QUESTION 5
## THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to introduce and vote in favor of legislation that would increase local aid to cities and towns to at least fiscal year 2007 levels?

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **4th Hampden Representative District** | | | | |
| Westfield | 8,189 | 2,183 | 2,442 | 12,814 |
| **TOTALS** | **8,189** | **2,183** | **2,442** | **12,814** |

## QUESTION 6
## THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to introduce and vote in favor of legislation that would increase funding to cities and towns for road maintenance and repair to at least fiscal year 2007 levels?

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **4th Hampden Representative District** | | | | |
| Westfield | 8,510 | 1,912 | 2,392 | 12,814 |
| **TOTALS** | **8,510** | **1,912** | **2,392** | **12,814** |

## QUESTION 5 OR 6
## THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of a resolution calling upon Congress to propose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution affirming that 1) rights protected under the Constitution are the rights of natural persons only and 2) both Congress and the states may place limits on political contributions and political spending?

# QUESTION 5, 6, OR 8
# THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state senator from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation to expand the radiological Plume Exposure Emergency Planning Zone around the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station in Plymouth, an approximately 10-mile-radius area, to include all of Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket Counties?

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Cape & Islands Senate District** | | | | |
| Aquinnah | 135 | 28 | 37 | 200 |
| Barnstable | 12,112 | 4,526 | 2,134 | 18,772 |
| Brewster | 3,281 | 1,031 | 634 | 4,946 |
| Chatham | 2,279 | 836 | 491 | 3,606 |
| Chilmark | 344 | 72 | 95 | 511 |
| Dennis | 4,321 | 1,723 | 1,013 | 7,057 |
| Eastham | 1,946 | 579 | 303 | 2,828 |
| Edgartown | 1,004 | 414 | 298 | 1,716 |
| Gosnold | 21 | 11 | 14 | 46 |
| Harwich | 4,027 | 1,383 | 670 | 6,080 |
| Mashpee | 3,879 | 1,454 | 702 | 6,035 |
| Nantucket | 2,240 | 952 | 532 | 3,724 |
| Oak Bluffs | 1,097 | 430 | 292 | 1,819 |
| Orleans | 2,419 | 741 | 328 | 3,488 |
| Provincetown | 1,125 | 224 | 303 | 1,652 |
| Tisbury | 1,129 | 327 | 201 | 1,657 |
| Truro | 692 | 149 | 279 | 1,120 |
| Wellfleet | 1,014 | 216 | 456 | 1,686 |
| W. Tisbury | 984 | 239 | 214 | 1,437 |
| Yarmouth | 6,262 | 2,463 | 1,471 | 10,196 |
| **TOTALS** | **50,311** | **17,798** | **10,467** | **78,576** |

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **10th Bristol Representative District** | | | | |
| Fairhaven | 3,112 | 1,117 | 1,005 | 5,234 |
| Marion | 1,345 | 512 | 471 | 2,328 |
| Mattapoisett | 1,758 | 644 | 623 | 3,025 |
| New Bedford | 680 | 242 | 164 | 1,086 |
| Rochester | 1,312 | 478 | 456 | 2,246 |
| **TOTALS** | **8,207** | **2,993** | **2,719** | **13,919** |
| **12th Essex Representative District** | | | | |
| Peabody | 8,438 | 3,271 | 2,952 | 14,661 |
| **TOTALS** | **8,438** | **3,271** | **2,952** | **14,661** |
| **13th Essex Representative District** | | | | |
| Danvers | 6,240 | 2,089 | 1,831 | 10,160 |
| Middleton | 1,009 | 368 | 348 | 1,725 |
| Peabody | 2,840 | 1,050 | 972 | 4,862 |
| **TOTALS** | **10,089** | **3,507** | **3,151** | **16,747** |
| **1st Middlesex Representative District** | | | | |
| Ashby | 694 | 218 | 392 | 1,304 |
| Ayer | 784 | 269 | 185 | 1,238 |
| Dunstable | 857 | 291 | 246 | 1,394 |
| Groton | 2,774 | 901 | 837 | 4,512 |
| Pepperell | 2,954 | 965 | 664 | 4,583 |
| Townsend | 2,066 | 708 | 531 | 3,305 |
| **TOTALS** | **10,129** | **3,352** | **2,855** | **16,336** |
| **6th Middlesex Representative District** | | | | |
| Framingham | 7,860 | 3,080 | 2,861 | 13,801 |
| **TOTALS** | **7,860** | **3,080** | **2,861** | **13,801** |
| **7th Middlesex Representative District** | | | | |
| Ashland | 3,426 | 1,160 | 1,150 | 5,736 |
| Framingham | 2,290 | 877 | 779 | 3,946 |
| **TOTALS** | **5,716** | **2,037** | **1,929** | **9,682** |
| **8th Middlesex Representative District** | | | | |
| Holliston | 3,721 | 1,280 | 1,136 | 6,137 |
| Hopkinton | 3,695 | 1,309 | 1,271 | 6,275 |
| Southborough | 2,543 | 923 | 778 | 4,244 |
| Westborough | 618 | 192 | 168 | 978 |
| **TOTALS** | **10,577** | **3,704** | **3,353** | **17,634** |
| **21st Middlesex Representative District** | | | | |
| Bedford | 3,412 | 1,147 | 1,105 | 5,664 |
| Burlington | 5,434 | 2,014 | 1,886 | 9,334 |
| Wilmington | 3 | 2 | 1,392 | 1,397 |
| **TOTALS** | **8,849** | **3,163** | **4,383** | **16,395** |
| **33rd Middlesex Representative District** | | | | |
| Malden | 5,085 | 2,076 | 2,210 | 9,371 |
| **TOTALS** | **5,085** | **2,076** | **2,210** | **9,371** |

QUESTION 6 (cont.)

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **35th Middlesex Representative District** | | | | |
| Malden | 2,057 | 727 | 759 | 3,543 |
| Medford | 4,974 | 2,016 | 1,956 | 8,946 |
| **TOTALS** | **7,031** | **2,743** | **2,715** | **12,489** |
| **6th Norfolk Representative District** | | | | |
| Avon | 976 | 378 | 346 | 1,700 |
| Canton | 5,043 | 1,814 | 1,917 | 8,774 |
| Stoughton | 2,274 | 896 | 869 | 4,039 |
| **TOTALS** | **8,293** | **3,088** | **3,132** | **14,513** |
| **8th Norfolk Representative District** | | | | |
| Mansfield | 796 | 309 | 290 | 1,395 |
| Sharon | 4,400 | 1,464 | 1,241 | 7,105 |
| Stoughton | 3,112 | 1,285 | 1,001 | 5,398 |
| Walpole | 1,618 | 583 | 457 | 2,658 |
| **TOTALS** | **9,926** | **3,641** | **2,989** | **16,556** |
| **10th Norfolk Representative District** | | | | |
| Franklin | 7,778 | 3,237 | 1,252 | 12,267 |
| Medway | 2,492 | 880 | 601 | 3,973 |
| **TOTALS** | **10,270** | **4,117** | **1,853** | **16,240** |
| **10th Plymouth Representative District** | | | | |
| Brockton | 4,250 | 1,819 | 1,609 | 7,678 |
| E. Bridgewater | 733 | 237 | 235 | 1,205 |
| W. Bridgewater | 1,647 | 627 | 591 | 2,865 |
| **TOTALS** | **6,630** | **2,683** | **2,435** | **11,748** |
| **10th Suffolk Representative District** | | | | |
| BOSTON | 6,744 | 2,467 | 3,323 | 12,534 |
| Brookline | 2,301 | 789 | 756 | 3,846 |
| **TOTALS** | **9,045** | **3,256** | **4,079** | **16,380** |
| **12th Suffolk Representative District** | | | | |
| BOSTON | 4,608 | 2,177 | 3,596 | 10,381 |
| Milton | 1,263 | 481 | 597 | 2,341 |
| **TOTALS** | **5,871** | **2,658** | **4,193** | **12,722** |
| **3rd Worcester Representative District** | | | | |
| Fitchburg | 5,028 | 2,379 | 1,670 | 9,077 |
| Lunenburg | 583 | 242 | 132 | 957 |
| **TOTALS** | **5,611** | **2,621** | **1,802** | **10,034** |
| **10th Worcester Representative District** | | | | |
| Hopedale | 1,429 | 467 | 499 | 2,395 |
| Medway | 754 | 283 | 223 | 1,260 |
| Mendon | 1,500 | 550 | 433 | 2,483 |
| Milford | 5,129 | 1,860 | 2,276 | 9,265 |
| **TOTALS** | **8,812** | **3,160** | **3,431** | **15,403** |

## QUESTION 5 OR 6
## THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote for legislation that replaces the state's restrictions on marijuana with a law that regulates the cultivation of and commerce in marijuana, by persons over the age of 21, in the same manner as laws that apply to the cultivation and sale of fruits, vegetables and herbs; such a law would (i) require persons covered by the law to take steps to prevent access to growing plants and marijuana by minors under the age of 18, (ii) punish distribution among and to such minors, (iii) retain for minors the civil offense of possessing one ounce or less of marijuana, and (iv) make no change to existing laws regarding driving while under the influence, "drug-free" schools and workplaces, and restrictions on smoking tobacco and marijuana products?

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **4th Essex Representative District** | | | | |
| Hamilton | 1,611 | 1,156 | 535 | 3,302 |
| Ipswich | 3,144 | 2,509 | 496 | 6,149 |
| Manchester-by-the-Sea | 1,313 | 962 | 388 | 2,663 |
| Rowley | 1,424 | 953 | 325 | 2,702 |
| Topsfield | 1,447 | 1,188 | 548 | 3,183 |
| Wenham | 801 | 589 | 322 | 1,712 |
| **TOTALS** | **9,740** | **7,357** | **2,614** | **19,711** |
| **7th Essex Representative District** | | | | |
| Salem | 6,970 | 4,377 | 2,082 | 13,429 |
| **TOTALS** | **6,970** | **4,377** | **2,082** | **13,429** |
| **8th Essex Representative District** | | | | |
| Lynn | 699 | 479 | 408 | 1,586 |
| Marblehead | 4,740 | 3,467 | 1,613 | 9,820 |
| Swampscott | 3,293 | 2,568 | 805 | 6,666 |
| **TOTALS** | **8,732** | **6,514** | **2,826** | **18,072** |

## QUESTION 5
## THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote for legislation that replaces the state's restrictions on marijuana with a law that regulates the cultivation of and commerce in marijuana, by persons over the age of 21, in the same manner as laws that apply to the cultivation and sale of fruits, vegetables and herbs; such a law would (i) require persons covered by the law to take steps to prevent access to growing plants and marijuana by minors under the age of 18, (ii) punish distribution among and to such minors, (iii) retain for minors the civil offense of possessing one ounce or less of marijuana, and (iv) make no change to existing laws regarding driving while under the influence, and "drug-free" schools?

## QUESTION 5
## THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation to facilitate the licensing of low power radio stations in underserved communities?

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **7th Suffolk Representative District** | | | | |
| BOSTON | 3,204 | 971 | 1,527 | 5,702 |
| **TOTALS** | **3,204** | **971** | **1,527** | **5,702** |

## QUESTION 5
## THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation that would prohibit candidates for state or local office from taking campaign contributions from industries regulated by such offices; regulate campaign spending by corporations; require increased disclosure of contributions to, and spending by, groups unaffiliated with candidates or political parties; provide voters with a tax rebate to make contributions to their preferred candidates; prohibit elected officials and their senior staff from negotiating a future job while in office and engaging in any lobbying activity for five years once they leave office; and increase penalties for candidates and groups that violate campaign finance laws?

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **19th Suffolk Representative District** | | | | |
| Revere | 2,088 | 952 | 1,247 | 4,287 |
| Winthrop | 3,968 | 1,348 | 1,220 | 6,536 |
| **TOTALS** | **6,056** | **2,300** | **2,467** | **10,823** |

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **3rd Middlesex Representative District** | | | | |
| Bolton | 1,181 | 763 | 350 | 2,294 |
| Hudson | 3,286 | 2,619 | 1,259 | 7,164 |
| Maynard | 2,380 | 1,334 | 601 | 4,315 |
| Stow | 1,752 | 1,071 | 396 | 3,219 |
| **TOTALS** | **8,599** | **5,787** | **2,606** | **16,992** |
| **6th Middlesex Representative District** | | | | |
| Framingham | 6,913 | 4,293 | 2,595 | 13,801 |
| **TOTALS** | **6,913** | **4,293** | **2,595** | **13,801** |

## QUESTION 5 OR 6
## THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote for legislation that replaces the state's restrictions on marijuana with a law that regulates the cultivation of and commerce in marijuana, by persons over the age of 21, in the same manner as laws that apply to retail and agricultural businesses; such a law would (i) require persons covered by the law to take steps to prevent access to growing plants and marijuana by minors under the age of 18, (ii) punish distribution among and to such minors, (iii) retain for minors the civil offense of possessing one ounce or less of marijuana, and (iv) make no change to existing laws regarding driving while under the influence?

| | Yes | No | Blanks | Total Ballots |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **2nd Hampshire Representative District** | | | | |
| Easthampton | 3,719 | 1,781 | 765 | 6,265 |
| Granby | 612 | 425 | 169 | 1,206 |
| Hadley | 1,146 | 663 | 403 | 2,212 |
| S. Hadley | 3,340 | 1,922 | 1,154 | 6,416 |
| **TOTALS** | **8,817** | **4,791** | **2,491** | **16,099** |