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QUESTION 3 THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS

Do you support taxpayer money being used to fund political campaigns for public office in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts?

Aggregate of Votes	Yes		No		Blanks		Total Ballots
	Yes	%	No	%	Blanks	%	
BARNSTABLE	27,075	26.33%	67,383	65.52%	8,382	8.15%	102,840
BERKSHIRE	14,189	32.31%	22,448	51.11%	7,282	16.58%	43,919
BRISTOL	24,757	15.47%	115,836	72.40%	19,396	12.12%	159,989
DUKES	1,989	28.13%	4,475	63.28%	608	8.60%	7,072
ESSEX	53,231	20.57%	180,842	69.90%	24,645	9.53%	258,718
FRANKLIN	10,058	37.99%	14,934	56.41%	1,480	5.59%	26,472
HAMPDEN	25,531	18.60%	96,970	70.64%	14,779	10.77%	137,280
HAMPSHIRE	20,028	36.39%	31,229	56.74%	3,786	6.88%	55,043
MIDDLESEX	152,838	27.91%	344,804	62.96%	50,023	9.13%	547,665
NANTUCKET	819	20.64%	2,809	70.79%	340	8.57%	3,968
NORFOLK	62,379	23.51%	179,420	67.62%	23,530	8.87%	265,329
PLYMOUTH	33,501	19.12%	126,501	72.21%	15,194	8.67%	175,196
SUFFOLK	44,142	24.50%	91,893	51.01%	44,114	24.49%	180,149
WORCESTER	46,748	18.21%	182,891	71.26%	27,022	10.53%	256,661
TOTALS	517,285	23.30%	1,462,435	65.87%	240,581	10.84%	2,220,301

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Berkshire County (cont.)				
Sandisfield.....	79	149	15	243
Savoy.....	50	146	8	204
Sheffield.....	442	625	74	1,141
Stockbridge.....	496	390	192	1,078
Tyringham.....	80	100	14	194
Washington.....	91	140	11	242
West Stockbridge.....	276	322	54	652
Williamstown.....	1,259	1,145	307	2,711
Windsor.....	131	200	14	345
TOTALS.....	14,189	22,448	7,282	43,919

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Bristol County				
Acushnet.....	597	2,799	359	3,755
ATTLEBORO.....	1,816	8,963	944	11,723
Berkley.....	263	1,661	134	2,058
Dartmouth.....	2,067	6,969	920	9,956
Dighton.....	298	1,741	132	2,171
Easton.....	1,677	6,537	616	8,830
Fairhaven.....	1,370	2,958	1,148	5,476
FALL RIVER.....	2,217	14,787	4,161	21,165
Freetown.....	487	2,230	231	2,948
Mansfield.....	1,490	5,729	556	7,775
NEW BEDFORD.....	3,746	15,952	3,620	23,318
North Attleborough.....	1,491	6,971	671	9,133
Norton.....	980	4,234	236	5,450
Raynham.....	661	3,397	424	4,482
Rehoboth.....	601	2,685	287	3,573
Seekonk.....	775	3,682	375	4,832
Somerset.....	800	5,119	1,094	7,013
Ware.....	688	4,211	385	5,284
TAUNTON.....	1,778	11,277	2,621	15,676
Westport.....	955	3,934	482	5,371
TOTALS.....	24,757	115,836	19,396	159,989

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Dukes County				
Aquinnah.....	58	109	25	192
Chilmark.....	191	324	79	594
Edgartown.....	410	1,054	144	1,608
Gosnold.....	18	27	5	50
Oak Bluffs.....	410	1,234	115	1,759

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County				
Barnstable.....	4,956	13,814	1,324	20,094
Bourne.....	1,517	5,122	714	7,353
Brewster.....	1,514	3,080	409	5,003
Chatham.....	1,174	2,498	3,941	7,613
Dennis.....	1,968	5,256	610	7,834
Eastham.....	888	1,797	268	2,953
Falmouth.....	4,815	8,751	1,452	15,018
Harwich.....	1,675	4,206	402	6,283
Massapee.....	1,237	4,099	279	5,615
Orleans.....	1,249	2,284	231	3,764
Provincetown.....	555	1,069	110	1,734
Sandwich.....	2,059	6,570	659	9,288
Truro.....	379	652	54	1,085
Wellfleet.....	587	866	77	1,530
Yarmouth.....	2,502	7,319	1,524	11,345
TOTALS.....	27,075	67,383	8,382	102,840

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Berkshire County				
Adams.....	580	1,838	263	2,681
Alford.....	119	91	8	218
Becket.....	165	286	47	498
Cheshire.....	326	766	82	1,174
Clarksburg.....	116	386	32	534
Dalton.....	621	1,342	309	2,272
Egremont.....	258	288	41	587
Florida.....	59	158	18	235
Great Barrington.....	986	1,263	296	2,545
Hancock.....	159	91	15	265
Hinsdale.....	176	389	39	604
Lanesborough.....	266	419	233	918
Lee.....	727	1,044	416	2,187
Lenox.....	924	902	613	2,439
Monterey.....	215	174	13	402
Mount Washington.....	39	29	4	72
New Ashford.....	36	67	7	110
New Marlborough.....	205	308	30	543
NORTH ADAMS.....	866	2,559	471	3,896
Ous.....	119	225	105	449
Peru.....	61	173	12	246
PITTSFIELD.....	3,920	6,065	3,503	13,488
Richmond.....	342	368	36	746

QUESTION 3

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Dukes County (cont.)								
Tisbury.....	454	1,024	122	1,600				
West Tisbury.....	448	703	118	1,269				
TOTALS.....	1,989	4,475	608	7,072				
Essex County								
Amesbury.....	1,072	4,324	227	5,623				
Andover.....	3,892	9,083	763	13,738				
BEVERLY.....	3,290	10,521	1,720	15,531				
Boxford.....	982	2,544	340	3,866				
Danvers.....	1,932	7,789	698	10,419				
Essex.....	406	1,178	69	1,653				
Georgetown.....	684	2,323	135	3,142				
GLOUCESTER.....	2,615	7,649	996	11,260				
Groveland.....	1,945	507	242	2,694				
Hamilton.....	835	2,388	381	3,604				
Haverhill.....	2,859	13,848	1,325	18,032				
Ipswich.....	1,578	3,791	592	5,961				
LAWRENCE.....	1,834	8,055	2,056	11,945				
LYNN.....	3,017	15,706	2,591	21,314				
Lynnfield.....	1,192	3,928	605	5,725				
Manchester-by-the-Sea.....	823	1,721	182	2,726				
Marblehead.....	2,793	6,555	769	10,117				
Merrimack.....	491	1,864	171	2,526				
Methuen.....	1,890	9,863	2,266	14,019				
Middleton.....	473	2,024	390	2,887				
Nahant.....	501	1,275	160	1,936				
Newbury.....	745	2,215	272	3,232				
NEWBURYPORT.....	2,044	5,363	935	8,342				
North Andover.....	2,364	7,626	924	10,914				
PEABODY.....	3,025	14,803	2,204	20,032				
Rockport.....	1,040	2,437	341	3,818				
Rowley.....	409	1,766	242	2,417				
SALEM.....	2,951	10,083	1,248	14,282				
Salisbury.....	371	2,202	247	2,820				
Saugus.....	1,554	8,419	564	10,537				
Swampscott.....	1,739	4,264	548	6,551				
Topsfield.....	804	2,147	196	3,147				
Wenham.....	483	1,849	156	1,849				
West Newbury.....	598	1,371	90	2,059				
TOTALS.....	53,231	180,842	24,645	258,718				
Hampden County (cont.)								
Russell.....	397	104		506				
Southwick.....	513	2,242	392	3,147				
SPRINGFIELD.....	6,029	23,643	4,076	33,748				
Tolland.....	33	107	7	147				
Wales.....	129	422	22	573				
West Springfield.....	1,708	5,306	1,663	8,677				
WESTFIELD.....	2,253	9,485	1,670	13,408				
Wilbraham.....	1,388	4,423	362	6,173				
TOTALS.....	25,531	96,970	14,779	137,280				
Hampshire County								
Amherst.....	4,732	2,931	400	8,063				
Belchertown.....	1,241	2,836	395	4,472				
Chesterfield.....	163	274	23	460				
Cummington.....	167	173	17	357				
Easthampton.....	1,595	4,482	306	6,383				
Goshen.....	131	240	17	388				
Granby.....	540	1,248	538	2,326				
Hadley.....	682	1,395	290	2,367				
Hatfield.....	444	1,124	67	1,635				
Huntington.....	197	497	15	709				
Middlefield.....	83	112	13	208				
NORTHAMPTON.....	5,718	5,440	679	11,837				
Felham.....	434	263	19	716				
Plainfield.....	139	156	8	303				
South Hadley.....	1,747	4,584	370	6,701				
Southampton.....	541	1,776	214	2,531				
Ware.....	451	2,313	261	3,025				
Westhampton.....	236	502	39	777				
Williamsburg.....	541	626	88	1,255				
Worthington.....	246	257	27	530				
TOTALS.....	20,028	31,229	3,786	55,043				
Middlesex County								
Acton.....	3,439	5,064	446	8,949				
Arlington.....	7,570	11,835	1,156	20,561				
Ashby.....	240	934	57	1,231				
Ashland.....	1,301	4,801	323	6,425				
Ayer.....	467	1,663	154	2,284				

Franklin County

Ashfield.....	418	335	45	798
Barnardston.....	206	470	96	772
Buckland.....	313	367	63	743
Charlemont.....	151	239	21	411
Colrain.....	204	353	28	585
Conway.....	482	402	33	917
Deerfield.....	873	1,342	67	2,282
Erving.....	129	331	43	503
Gill.....	210	329	44	583
Greenfield.....	2,000	3,431	370	5,801
Hawley.....	49	64	5	118
Heath.....	131	155	8	294
Leverett.....	618	299	35	952
Leyden.....	115	155	14	284
Monroe.....	4	29	2	35
Montague.....	1,007	1,740	131	2,878
New Salem.....	163	266	16	445
Northfield.....	427	1,184	143	1,884
Orange.....	415	1,703	127	2,245
Rowe.....	61	112	9	182
Shelburne.....	388	395	48	831
Shutesbury.....	559	314	25	898
Sunderland.....	562	710	57	1,329
Warwick.....	115	183	8	306
Wendell.....	209	168	10	387
Whately.....	249	428	32	709
TOTALS.....	10,058	14,934	1,480	26,472

Hampden County

Agawan.....	1,648	6,470	1,678	9,796
Blandford.....	125	313	12	450
Brimfield.....	269	987	51	1,307
Chester.....	121	327	13	461
CHICOPEE.....	2,561	13,051	1,334	16,946
East Longmeadow.....	1,189	4,276	584	6,049
Granville.....	117	441	22	580
Hampden.....	408	1,562	98	2,068
Holland.....	140	559	32	731
HOLYOKE.....	2,146	8,055	1,004	11,205
Longmeadow.....	1,970	4,909	532	7,411
Ludlow.....	1,122	4,959	560	6,641
Monson.....	519	1,781	476	2,776
Montgomery.....	69	242	18	329
Palmer.....	677	3,306	168	4,151

Bedford.....	1,788	2,755	852	5,395
Belmont.....	4,366	6,526	1,088	11,980
Billerica.....	2,214	10,398	750	13,362
Boxborough.....	735	1,269	73	2,077
Burlington.....	1,899	6,944	521	9,364
CAMBRIDGE.....	15,370	13,979	3,096	32,445
Carlisle.....	1,079	1,362	120	2,561
Chelmsford.....	3,291	11,154	545	14,990
Concord.....	3,545	4,316	584	8,445
Dracut.....	1,462	8,241	602	10,305
Dunstable.....	257	1,001	33	1,291
EVERETT.....	1,484	6,306	2,881	10,671
Frammingham.....	5,347	14,618	1,433	21,398
Groton.....	1,182	2,653	457	4,392
Holliston.....	1,523	4,198	377	6,098
Hopkinton.....	1,450	4,266	304	6,020
Hudson.....	1,233	5,194	334	6,761
Lexington.....	6,729	7,055	926	14,710
Lincoln.....	1,533	1,161	191	2,885
Littleton.....	971	2,361	386	3,718
LOWELL.....	3,314	15,950	2,320	21,584
MALDEN.....	2,920	11,302	1,240	15,462
MARLBOROUGH.....	2,430	9,025	982	12,437
Maynard.....	1,079	3,022	335	4,436
MEDFORD.....	4,337	13,603	2,619	20,559
MELROSE.....	2,921	8,673	962	12,556
Natick.....	3,887	8,853	1,202	13,942
NEWTON.....	14,378	16,004	5,346	35,728
North Reading.....	1,359	4,906	263	6,528
Pepperell.....	864	3,307	168	4,339
Reading.....	2,784	7,442	706	10,932
Sherborn.....	779	1,355	142	2,276
Shirley.....	465	1,651	89	2,205
SOMERVILLE.....	8,173	11,702	2,635	22,510
Stonham.....	1,687	6,910	516	9,113
Stow.....	896	1,800	259	2,955
Sudbury.....	2,748	4,825	416	7,989
Tewksbury.....	1,786	8,736	695	11,217
Townsend.....	551	2,494	212	3,257
Tyngsborough.....	700	3,249	245	4,194
Wakefield.....	2,252	8,092	747	11,091
WALTHAM.....	4,175	9,381	4,253	17,809
Watertown.....	4,050	7,181	1,012	12,243
Wayland.....	2,448	3,700	489	6,637
Westford.....	2,382	6,030	566	8,978

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County (cont.)								
Weston	1,980	3,025	286	5,291	39,575	73,140	40,702	153,417
Wilmington	1,403	5,470	1,700	8,573	915	4,034	843	5,792
Winchester	3,329	6,351	633	10,313	1,563	10,041	1,959	13,563
WOBURN	2,286	10,711	996	13,993	2,089	4,678	610	7,377
TOTALS.....	152,838	344,804	50,023	547,665	44,142	91,893	44,114	180,149
Nantucket County								
Nantucket	819	2,809	340	3,968	413	1,814	79	2,306
TOTALS.....	819	2,809	340	3,968	465	2,485	154	3,104
Norfolk County								
Avon	277	1,364	276	1,917	357	2,365	231	2,953
Bellingham	810	4,567	401	5,778	629	3,533	101	2,083
Braintree	3,261	10,308	1,311	14,880	465	1,328	159	1,952
Brookline	9,214	9,559	1,594	20,367	195	908	94	1,197
Canton	1,830	6,464	721	9,015	696	2,878	285	3,859
Cohasset	905	2,375	460	3,740	705	3,413	400	4,518
Dedham	2,378	7,184	907	10,469	409	2,136	179	2,724
Dover	846	1,857	182	2,885	482	2,610	181	3,273
Foxborough	1,387	4,969	498	6,854	133	631	44	808
Franklin	2,109	8,669	552	11,330	1,439	7,802	1,153	10,394
Holbrook	642	3,357	355	4,354	934	4,936	484	6,354
Medfield	1,534	3,705	396	5,635	1,074	4,435	350	5,859
Medway	1,026	3,737	339	5,102	188	855	65	1,108
Millis	717	2,445	262	3,424	1,069	1,425	133	2,627
Milton	3,680	7,572	1,449	12,701	1,795	5,565	348	7,708
Needham	3,934	8,574	2,026	14,534	413	1,699	284	2,396
Norfolk	859	2,750	280	3,889	324	1,269	79	1,672
Norwood	2,106	7,839	1,261	11,206	456	1,650	303	2,409
Plainville	471	2,260	130	2,861	541	2,933	254	3,728
QUINCY	5,826	22,235	3,074	31,135	2,065	10,160	1,239	13,464
Randolph	1,766	7,672	918	10,356	824	2,889	388	4,111
Sharon	2,621	4,840	417	7,878	343	1,467	313	2,123
Stoughton	1,765	7,498	917	10,180	1,360	5,392	1,834	8,586
Walpole	1,907	7,384	750	10,041	713	3,486	453	4,632
Wellesley	3,985	6,511	1,448	11,944	113	782	136	1,031
Westwood	2,013	4,607	524	7,144				
Suffolk County								
BOSTON								
CHELSEA								
REVERE								
Winthrop								
TOTALS.....					44,142	91,893	44,114	180,149
Worcester County								
Ashburnham					413	1,814	79	2,306
Athol					465	2,485	154	3,104
Auburn					953	4,257	1,522	6,732
Barre					396	1,432	183	2,011
Berlin					290	900	36	1,226
Blackstone					357	2,365	231	2,953
Bolton					629	3,533	101	2,083
Boylston					465	1,328	159	1,952
Brookfield					195	908	94	1,197
Charlton					696	2,878	285	3,859
Clinton					705	3,413	400	4,518
Douglas					409	2,136	179	2,724
Dudley					482	2,610	181	3,273
East Brookfield					133	631	44	808
FITCHBURG					1,439	7,802	1,153	10,394
GARDNER					934	4,936	484	6,354
Grafton					1,074	4,435	350	5,859
Hardwick					188	855	65	1,108
Harvard					1,069	1,425	133	2,627
Holden					1,795	5,565	348	7,708
Hopedale					413	1,699	284	2,396
Hubbardston					324	1,269	79	1,672
Lancaster					456	1,650	303	2,409
Leicester					541	2,933	254	3,728
LEOMINSTER					2,065	10,160	1,239	13,464
Lunenburg					824	2,889	388	4,111
Mendon					343	1,467	313	2,123
Milford					1,360	5,392	1,834	8,586
Millbury					713	3,486	453	4,632
Millville					113	782	136	1,031

QUESTION 4

Shall the member of the Steamship Authority from Martha's Vineyard be appointed by a special committee comprised of 1 selectman from each of the 6 towns of Martha's Vineyard appointed by the selectmen of each respective town and 1 county commissioner appointed by the county of Dukes County Commissioners?

In the County of Dukes

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Aquinnah.....	89	76	27	192
Chilmark.....	249	285	60	594
Edgartown.....	660	821	127	1,608
Gosnold.....	30	11	9	50
Oak Bluffs.....	693	951	115	1,759
Tisbury.....	631	856	113	1,600
West Tisbury.....	452	721	96	1,269
TOTALS.....	2,804	3,721	547	7,072

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Acton 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 fund the Public Safety Building Project as described in Article 1 of the October 15, 2002, Special Town Meeting Warrant, including but not limited to design, engineering, construction, demolition and other costs incidental thereto?

In the Town of Acton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
Acton.....	4,750	3,216	983	8,949
TOTALS.....	4,750	3,216	983	8,949

QUESTION 6

Shall the Town of Saugus 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 acquire a new Ladder Truck for the Saugus Fire Department?

In the Town of Saugus

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County				
Saugus.....	5,751	4,113	673	10,537
TOTALS.....	5,751	4,113	673	10,537

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Tewksbury 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 sidewalks on various streets in town, including all costs incidental and related thereto?

In the Town of Tewksbury

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
Tewksbury.....	4,894	5,392	931	11,217
TOTALS.....	4,894	5,392	931	11,217

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Leverett 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 construct, equip and furnish a town library and for other incidental expenses related to this project?

In the Town of Leverett

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Franklin County				
Leverett	608	250	94	952
TOTALS.....	608	250	94	952

QUESTION 4

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 acquire for public safety purposes including without limiting the foregoing for the Police and Fire departments a certain parcel of land located on the westerly side of South Franklin Street purported to be owned by the Bertie J. Blanchard Trust, and more particularly described on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Taking - South Franklin Street, Holbrook, MA dated 9-7-2001" prepared by Yunits Engineering Co. and to finance the construction of a building or buildings for the purposes of public safety buildings including without limiting the foregoing a Police and Fire department facility and the hiring of engineers, contractors and professional consultants for the design and construction thereof?

In the Town of Holbrook

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Norfolk County				
Holbrook	2,064	2,008	282	4,354
TOTALS.....	2,064	2,008	282	4,354

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Saugus be allowed to assess an additional \$780,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of paying the operational expenses required to man the West Side Fire Station for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and three?

In the Town of Saugus

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County				
Saugus	4,814	5,184	539	10,537
TOTALS.....	4,814	5,184	539	10,537

QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Saugus 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 acquire land and construct the West Side Fire Station?

In the Town of Saugus

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County				
Saugus	4,962	4,875	700	10,537
TOTALS.....	4,962	4,875	700	10,537

QUESTION 4A

Shall the Town of Needham be allowed to assess an additional \$6,970,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of operating the Municipal Government and the Public Schools and funding infrastructure maintenance programs for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and two?

In the Town of Needham

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Norfolk County				
Needham.....	4,579	9,186	769	14,534
TOTALS.....	4,579	9,186	769	14,534

QUESTION 4B

Shall the Town of Needham be allowed to assess an additional \$5,656,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of operating the Municipal Government and the Public Schools and funding infrastructure maintenance programs for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and two?

In the Town of Needham

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Norfolk County				
Needham.....	5,182	8,544	808	14,534
TOTALS.....	5,182	8,544	808	14,534

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Palmer 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 constructing, equipping and furnishing a new police station?

In the Town of Palmer

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampden County				
Palmer.....	1,738	2,182	231	4,151
TOTALS.....	1,738	2,182	231	4,151

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Ashland be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued to design, construct and equip a new school facility on the former Kadra property off East Union Street and to construct additions to, renovate and/or repair the several other schools?

In the Town of Ashland

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
Ashland.....	3,727	2,500	198	6,425
TOTALS.....	3,727	2,500	198	6,425

QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Ashland be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued to design, renovate, repair and equip the present town hall?

In the Town of Ashland

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
Ashland.....	3,257	2,837	331	6,425
TOTALS.....	3,257	2,837	331	6,425

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Reading 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 road improvements including constructing, and doing major repairs to roads within the Town of Reading, including the costs of engineering fees, plans, documents, cost estimates, and all related expenses incidental thereto and necessary in connection therewith?

In the Town of Reading

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
Reading.....	4,612	5,334	986	10,932
TOTALS.....	4,612	5,334	986	10,932

QUESTION 4

Questions 4A, 4B, and 4C are separate questions. You may vote for or against each question separately. Each question requires a majority of those voting on that question to pass. If more than one question passes, the question with the highest dollar amount will prevail.

QUESTION 4C

Shall the Town of Needham be allowed to assess an additional \$4,650,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of operating the Municipal Government and the Public Schools and funding infrastructure maintenance programs for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and two?

In the Town of Needham

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Norfolk County				
Needham.....	6,568	7,330	636	14,534
TOTALS.....	6,568	7,330	636	14,534

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Berkeley be allowed to assess an additional \$750,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding operating budgets of the following departments: School Department \$200,000.00; Town Health and Liability Insurance \$330,000.00; Highway Department Personnel \$27,000.00; Fire Call Personnel and Expenses \$25,000.00; Ambulance Call Personnel and Expenses \$45,000.00; Police Department Personnel and Expenses \$90,000.00; Police Cruiser \$30,000.00, for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and two?

In the Town of Berkeley

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Bristol County				
Berkeley.....	732	1,237	89	2,058
TOTALS.....	732	1,237	89	2,058

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Chelmsford 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 Phase 1 of the Chelmsford Secondary Schools Building Project?
In the Town of Chelmsford

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
Chelmsford	6,918	7,361	711	14,990
TOTALS.....	6,918	7,361	711	14,990

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Hopkinton 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 acquire land or interests in land for the construction of public school building and/or for other municipal purposes including all acquisition costs related thereto?
In the Town of Hopkinton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
Hopkinton.....	3,324	2,278	418	6,020
TOTALS.....	3,324	2,278	418	6,020

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of North Reading 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 constructing an addition to and/or remodeling, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to the Middle School, including original equipment and furnishings related thereto?
In the Town of North Reading

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
North Reading.....	2,739	3,582	207	6,528
TOTALS.....	2,739	3,582	207	6,528

QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of North Reading 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 constructing an addition to and/or remodeling, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to the High School, including original equipment and furnishings related thereto?
In the Town of North Reading

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
North Reading.....	2,504	3,849	175	6,528
TOTALS.....	2,504	3,849	175	6,528

QUESTION 4

Shall an act passed by the general court in the year 2002 entitled, 'An Act establishing a 4 year term for the office of mayor in the city of Everett', be accepted?

Summary

A **YES VOTE** on this question will result in the acceptance of the Act and the term of office for the mayor of the city of Everett will be changed from two to four years. This change will only apply to the office of mayor. The provisions of Section 5 of the City Charter would change to reflect the 4-year term. This change in the term would apply to the biennial city election in 2003 and to subsequent biennial city elections. The mayor would be elected for a four-year term beginning on the first Monday of January 2004.

A **NO VOTE** will result in the term of office for the mayor remaining at two years.

In the City of Everett

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
EVERETT	3,695	4,673	2,303	10,671
TOTALS	3,695	4,673	2,303	10,671

QUESTION 4

Shall the City of Easthampton be allowed to assess an additional \$40,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding school busing to students in grades K-4 who live more than .5 miles from school, students in grades 5 and 6 who live more than 1 mile from school and students in grades 7-12 who live more than 1.5 miles from school for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002?

In the City of Easthampton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampshire County				
Easthampton	2,701	3,316	366	6,383
TOTALS	2,701	3,316	366	6,383

QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Tisbury 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 additional costs of wastewater treatment system improvements in and for the Town, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto?

In the Town of Tisbury

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Dukes County				
Tisbury	809	576	215	1,600
TOTALS	809	576	215	1,600

QUESTION 4

Shall an act passed by the general court in the year 2002, entitled 'An Act Establishing a Department of Finance and Budget in the Town of Lancaster' be accepted?

Summary

Pursuant to a special act of the General Court, Chapter 315 of the Acts of 2002, the Town was authorized to place the above question on the State Election ballot. The special act, if accepted, will establish a consolidated Department of Finance and Budget in the Town to be overseen by a Director of Finance and Budget appointed by the Board of Selectmen and responsible for coordinating the fiscal management practices of the accountant's department, collector-treasurer's department, assessing department, and administering budgeting including financial reporting, accountability and control, financial and programmatic implications on current and future policies to all Town departments and the Board of Selectmen. The office of Collector-Treasurer shall become part of said Department and the Collector-Treasurer shall be under the supervision of said Director. The Board of Assessors shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three-year terms and shall retain their statutory duties, with incumbent assessors to serve the remainder of their current terms unless the term is vacated earlier. Upon establishment of the Department of Finance and Budget, the Town Accountant may become the Director of Finance and Budget, and may be provided by the Board of Selectmen with an employment contract for a period not to exceed three years.

In the Town of Lancaster

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Lancaster	1,519	498	392	2,409
TOTALS.....	1,519	498	392	2,409

QUESTION 5

Shall section 2 of an act passed by the general court in the year 2002 entitled 'An Act relative to the charter of the city of Attleboro which provides that candidates nominated for multiple office withdraw for all but 1' be accepted?

Summary

Presently candidates for municipal offices are permitted to take out and file nomination papers for multiple offices. This amendment to the charter permits the continuation of such practice but provides that a candidate who has filed nomination papers for multiple offices must withdraw his or her name for all but one office on or before the last day provided for the withdrawal of candidates. Any candidate for office who does not comply with said withdrawal procedure shall not have his or her name printed upon the ballot for any office.

In the City of Attleboro

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Bristol County				
ATTLEBORO	8,331	1,849	1,543	11,723
TOTALS.....	8,331	1,849	1,543	11,723

QUESTION 6

Shall the city of Attleboro accept section 2D of chapter 59 of the General Laws which provides for taxing certain improved real property based on its value at the time an occupancy permit is issued?

In the City of Attleboro

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Bristol County				
ATTLEBORO	5,180	5,000	1,543	11,723
TOTALS.....	5,180	5,000	1,543	11,723

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Ayer vote to reduce the surcharge established pursuant to Sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body, from 3% to 1%, as summarized below?

Summary

Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act ("Act"), established a dedicated funding source to acquire, create, and preserve open space, historic resources, land for recreational use, and community housing, and to rehabilitate and restore such open space, historic resources, land for recreational use and community housing acquired or created as provided under said Act. In Ayer, the Act was approved by Town Meeting and accepted by the voters with funding by an additional surcharge of 3% on the annual tax levy on real property. Town Meeting has voted to reduce this surcharge to 1%. The exemptions from such surcharge shall remain in force and effect.

In the Town of Ayer

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
Ayer.....	1,192	915	177	2,284
TOTALS.....	1,192	915	177	2,284

QUESTION 4

Shall section 1 of an act passed by the general court in the year 2002 entitled 'An Act relative to the charter of the city of Attleboro which provides that preliminary elections be held on the third Tuesday of September preceding the regular city election' be accepted?

Summary

Presently the charter provides that on the fourth Tuesday preceding every regular city election a preliminary election shall be held for the purpose of nominating candidates for the city's regular election which is held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November in each odd-numbered year. This amendment will permit the preliminary election to be held on the third Tuesday of September preceding every regular city election. Such earlier date for the holding of the preliminary election is necessary to give the Election Commission sufficient time to prepare the ballots for the regular election.

In the City of Attleboro

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Bristol County				
ATTLEBORO	8,272	1,811	1,640	11,723
TOTALS.....	8,272	1,811	1,640	11,723

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Middleborough 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, establishes a dedicated funding source to acquire, rehabilitate and preserve open space, historic resources, land for recreational use, low and moderate income housing as acquired or created as provided under said Act. In Middleborough, the Act will be funded by an additional surcharge of 3% on the annual tax levy on real property and by funds provided by the state, such surcharge to be imposed on taxes assessed for the Fiscal Year beginning on or after July 1, 2003. All funds received from the surcharge shall be deposited into a separate account known as the "Community Preservation Fund". The following exemption from such surcharge, under Section 3 (e) of said Act, will apply: \$100,000.00 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. A taxpayer receiving an exemption with respect to real property tax shall be exempt from any surcharge on real property under the Act. The surcharge will be paid by a taxpayer receiving an abatement of real property tax shall be reduced in proportion to the amount of the abatement. A Community Preservation Committee will be created by bylaw upon acceptance of the Act and will make recommendations on the use of the Community Preservation Fund. Town Meeting must approve any such recommendations before funds can be expended from the Community Preservation Fund for any of the purposes of the Community Preservation Act.

In the Town of Middleborough

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Plymouth County				
Middleborough.....	2,799	3,284	581	6,664
TOTALS.....	2,799	3,284	581	6,664

QUESTION 4

Shall the City of Westfield 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?

QUESTION 4

Shall this Town of Southwick 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 town 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, preserve and restore historic buildings and sites; and (3) create and preserve community housing.

In the Town of Southwick, the funding source for these community preservation purposes will be a surcharge of three percent (3%) on the annual tax levy on real property and annual distributions made by the state from a trust fund created by the Act. If approved, the first \$100,000 of value of each taxable parcel of residential real estate, and 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, shall be exempt from this surcharge. A taxpayer receiving an exemption of real property authorized by Chapter 59 of the General Laws of Massachusetts or any other law is exempt from any surcharge on real property established under the Act. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement will also receive a pro rata reduction in surcharge.

A Community Preservation Committee has been established by by-law to study community preservation resources, possibilities and needs and to make annual recommendations to Town Meeting on spending the funds. At least ten percent (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) affordable housing.

In the Town of Southwick

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampden County				
Southwick.....	1,503	1,392	252	3,147
TOTALS.....	1,503	1,392	252	3,147

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Lincoln 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, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources, to acquire, create and preserve open space, land for recreational use, and community housing, and to rehabilitate and restore such open space, land for recreational use and community housing acquired or created as provided under said Act. In the Town of Lincoln, the Community Preservation Act will be funded 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, shall apply: the exemption for 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, and the exemption for \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. Any other taxpayer receiving any exemption of real property authorized by Chapter 59 of the General Laws shall be exempt from this Act. A Community Preservation Committee composed of local citizens will make recommendations on the use of the funds. Town Meeting must approve any such recommendation before funds can be expended and all expenditures will be subject to an annual audit.

In the Town of Lincoln

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
Lincoln	1,679	1,035	171	2,885
TOTALS	1,679	1,035	171	2,885

Summary
Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws, also known as the Community Preservation Act ("the Act"), allows communities to establish a dedicated source of funds for the acquisition, preservation and creation of open space and of land for recreational uses, for the acquisition and preservation of historic resources, and for the creation, preservation and support of community housing.

One source of funds for these activities would be a surcharge of one per cent (1%) on the annual tax assessed on real estate, subject to certain exemptions as discussed, below. The other source of funds would be funds which the City would receive from a special state trust fund. The state funds are available only to communities that have voted to accept the Act.

If the Act is accepted, the following would be exempt from the surcharge:
(1) Any taxpayer exempt from real estate property tax would be exempt from the surcharge; and (2) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real estate would be exempt from the surcharge. Any taxpayer receiving a tax abatement would be entitled to a reduction of the surcharge in proportion of the abatement.

If the Act is accepted, the City would establish a separate account known as the Community Preservation Fund ("the Fund") to which all surcharge receipts and the state funds would be credited. The City Council would pass an ordinance establishing a Community Preservation Committee. The Committee would study community preservation needs, possibilities and resources and make annual recommendations to the City Council.

The Fund could only be spent by the city Council for Community Preservation activities allowed under the Act. Each year not less than ten percent (10%) of the annual revenues to the Fund must be spent, or designated for later spending, on open space; not less than ten percent (10%) must be spent, or designated for later spending, on historic preservation and not less than ten percent (10%) must be spent, or designated for later spending, on community housing. The administration and operating expenses of the committee cannot exceed five percent (5%) of the annual revenues.

A "yes" vote is a vote to accept the Act. A "no" vote is a vote not to accept the Act.

In the City of Westfield

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampden County				
WESTFIELD	5,965	5,919	1,524	13,408
TOTALS	5,965	5,919	1,524	13,408