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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 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 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 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 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 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 Berkley 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 Berkley

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Bristol County				
Berkley	732	1,237	89	2,058
TOTALS	**732**	**1,237**	**89**	**2,058**

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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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**

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Wellesley 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, allow communities to establish a dedicated funding source, and thereby be eligible for state matching funds, with which to acquire 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 under the Act.

As approved by Town Meeting, the local funding source for the Act in Wellesley will be a surcharge of 1% on the annual property tax bill assessed on real property, commencing in fiscal year 2003. (The surcharge for a single-family residential property with a median valuation [$576,000 in FY02] will be approximately $40 per year.) In addition, the Act creates a state trust fund from which the Town will receive distributions that are solely available to communities that have accepted the Act. The funding source for this trust fund is not subject to annual appropriation by the legislature; instead the Act has established increased filing fees at the local registry of deeds and land courts as the revenue source exclusively for the state Community Preservation Trust Fund.

The Act contains certain mandatory exemptions and allows communities to elect to include certain optional exemptions. Wellesley's Town Meeting has elected to include optional exemptions such that, if the Act is accepted, the following will be exempt from the surcharge: 1) One hundred thousand ($100,000.00) dollars of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real estate; 2) Any property owned and occupied as a domicile by a taxpayer who qualifies for low income housing or moderate income senior housing; 3) Any taxpayer receiving a tax abatement would be entitled to a reduction of the surcharge in the proportion of the abatement; and 4) Any taxpayer exempt from real property tax.

If the Act is accepted by a majority of the voters, a Community Preservation Committee comprised of Town residents will be established by bylaw to recommend to Town Meeting on the expenditure of the community preservation funds. Town Meeting must approve any such recommendations before funds can be expended. The funds need not be spent in whole or in part in any one year, but may accrue until the Town decides how to use them. All expenditures pursuant to the Act will be subject to an annual audit.

In the Town of Wellesley

In the City of Newburyport

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County				
NEWBURYPORT.....	3,827	3,705	810	8,342
TOTALS.....	**3,827**	**3,705**	**810**	**8,342**

QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Acton 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 for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, for the acquisition and preservation of historic resources, for the acquisition, creation and preservation of land for recreational use, for the creation, preservation and support of community housing and for rehabilitation or restoration of such open space, historic resources, land for recreational use and community housing. In Acton, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by an additional surcharge of 1.5% of the annual tax levy against real property and, as available, by matching funds provided by the state.

If adopted, the following will be exempt from the surcharge: property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who would qualify for low income housing or moderate income senior housing in the Town, as defined by Section 2 of said Act; and $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 or any other law shall be exempt from the surcharge under this Act.

A Community Preservation Committee composed of local officials designated by the Act and of local citizens will study the needs, possibilities and resources of the town regarding community preservation and will make recommendations on the uses of the funds. Town Meeting must approve any such appropriations from the Community Preservation Fund before funds can be expended to acquire any particular parcel of land or take similar action. All expenditures pursuant to the Act will be subject to annual audit.

In the Town of Acton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Norfolk County				
Wellesley	7,569	3,449	926	11,944
TOTALS	**7,569**	**3,449**	**926**	**11,944**

QUESTION 4

Shall the City of Newburyport accept the provisions of sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws, as proposed by a petition signed by at least five percent (5%) of the registered voters of the City of Newburyport, a summary of which appears below?

Summary

Sections 3 to 7 of the Massachusetts General Laws, 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, restore and preserve historic properties, and help meet local families' housing needs.

In Newburyport, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by a surcharge of 2% on the annual property tax assessed on real property and by matching funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts distributed on an annual basis from a state trust fund established pursuant to the Act.

The following exclusions shall be permitted:

Exclusion No. 1. Property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or moderate income senior housing in the City of Newburyport, as defined by section 2 of the Act; and

Exclusion No. 2. $100,000.00 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real estate in the City of Newburyport.

A taxpayer receiving an exemption of real property taxes authorized by chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or any other law, shall be exempt from a surcharge under the Act.

A Community Preservation Committee shall be established by city ordinance to be composed of local citizens and shall make recommendations to the mayor and city council on the expenditure of Community Preservation funds by the City of Newburyport. All expenditures of Community Preservation funds by the City of Newburyport shall be subject to annual audit.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
Acton	4,656	3,813	480	8,949
TOTALS	**4,656**	**3,813**	**480**	**8,949**

QUESTION 4

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

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 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 Town of Lunenburg, the funding source for these community preservation purposes will be a surcharge of three percent (3%) on the annual property tax assessed on real property 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 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 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 will be 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 Lunenburg

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Lunenburg	1,431	2,260	420	4,111
TOTALS	**1,431**	**2,260**	**420**	**4,111**

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Hamilton 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 the 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, 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 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 structures and landscapes, and (3) meet local community housing needs.

In Hamilton, the funding source for these community preservation purposes will be a surcharge of 3% on the annual property tax assessed on real property 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 Town, as defined in Section 2 of said Act; (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 will be established by by-law to study community preservation resources, possibilities and needs and to

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Mendon accept Sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws otherwise known as the Community Preservation Act, as approved at the 2002 Annual Town Meeting, 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 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 Town of Mendon, the funding source for these community preservation purposes will be a surcharge of three percent (3%) on the annual property tax assessed on real property 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: $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 by-law to study community preservation resources, possibilities and needs and to make annual recommendations to the town meeting 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 (excluding land for recreational use), (2) historic resources and (3) affordable housing.

In the Town of Mendon

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Mendon	1,101	781	241	2,123
TOTALS	**1,101**	**781**	**241**	**2,123**

make annual recommendations to town meeting 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 (excluding land for recreational use), (2) historic resources and (3) community housing.

In the Town of Hamilton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County				
Hamilton	1,527	1,798	279	3,604
TOTALS	**1,527**	**1,798**	**279**	**3,604**

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Duxbury vote to amend certain provisions of the acceptance of the Community Preservation Act by the Town adding an exemption for property owned and occupied as a domicile for a person who would qualify for low income housing or low to moderate income senior housing in Duxbury as summarized below?

Summary

Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act, was accepted by the Town of Duxbury at its 2001 Annual Town Meeting and approved by the voters at the Annual Town Election on March 24, 2001. The original acceptance did not include an exemption from the Community Preservation Act for property owned and occupied as a domicile for a person who would qualify for low income housing or low to moderate income senior housing in Duxbury. The 2002 Annual Town Meeting voted to add this exemption subject to approval by the voters of this question. The exemption, if approved by the voters, shall be effective commencing July 1, 2003.

In the Town of Duxbury

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Plymouth County				
Duxbury	4,162	1,975	1,012	7,149
TOTALS	**4,162**	**1,975**	**1,012**	**7,149**

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Marblehead 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 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 Marblehead, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by an additional excise of one (1) percent of the annual tax levy on real property and by matching funds provided by the state. The following are Exemptions or Exclusions from such surcharge: (a) 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; (b) $100,000.00 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. The surcharge to be paid by a taxpayer receiving an exemption of real property authorized by Chapter 59 of the General Laws or any other law shall be reduced in proportion to the amount of such abatement. A Community Preservation Committee composed of local citizens will make recommendations on the use of the funds and all expenditures will be subject to an annual audit.

In the Town of Marblehead

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County				
Marblehead	4,216	5,186	715	10,117
TOTALS	**4,216**	**5,186**	**715**	**10,117**

QUESTION 4 OR 5
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation or a constitutional amendment to establish instant runoff voting (a voting system that allows voters, in contests with 3 or more candidates, to rank the candidates in order of preference so as to ensure that the winner is the candidate who has more than 50% of the votes) for elections to the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Attorney General, State Treasurer and State Auditor?

This will be question 4 in the Third Hampshire Representative District. This will be question 5 in the First Hampshire Representative District.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
First Hampshire District				
Hatfield	795	541	299	1,635
Montgomery	136	122	71	329
NORTHAMPTON	7,183	2,666	1,988	11,837
Southampton	1,099	898	534	2,531
Westhampton	377	260	140	777
TOTALS	**9,590**	**4,487**	**3,032**	**17,109**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Third Hampshire District				
Amherst	5,179	1,700	1,184	8,063
Granby	787	715	824	2,326
TOTALS	**5,966**	**2,415**	**2,008**	**10,389**

QUESTION 4, 5 OR 6
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed not to vote for Thomas M. Finneran of Boston for Speaker of the state House of Representatives?

This will be question 4 in the First Essex (except that it will be question 5 in Newburyport) Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Essex (except that it will be question 5 in Marblehead), Thirteenth and Fourteenth Essex; First and Sec-

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Eighth Essex District				
LYNN	602	489	316	1,407
Marblehead	5,507	2,841	1,769	10,117
Swampscott	3,475	1,872	1,204	6,551
TOTALS	**9,584**	**5,202**	**3,289**	**18,075**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Thirteenth Essex District				
Danvers	5,172	3,478	1,769	10,419
PEABODY	1,846	1,290	601	3,737
Topsfield	1,675	944	528	3,147
TOTALS	**8,693**	**5,712**	**2,898**	**17,303**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Fourteenth Essex District				
LAWRENCE	1,674	1,628	950	4,252
North Andover	3,939	2,501	1,479	7,919
TOTALS	**5,613**	**4,129**	**2,429**	**12,171**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
First Hampshire District				
Hatfield	865	494	276	1,635
Montgomery	151	122	56	329
NORTHAMPTON	6,940	2,771	2,126	11,837
Southampton	1,144	823	564	2,531
Westhampton	406	236	135	777
TOTALS	**9,506**	**4,446**	**3,157**	**17,109**

ond Hampshire (except that it will be question 5 in Easthampton); Fourteenth Middlesex (except that it will be question 5 in Chelmsford and question 6 in Acton); Twenty-Sixth, Twenty-Ninth, Thirty-Second and Thirty-Sixth Middlesex; Eleventh Norfolk; Eighth, Eleventh and Fifteenth Suffolk Representative Districts.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
First Essex District				
Amesbury	2,825	1,974	824	5,623
NEWBURYPORT	4,206	2,598	1,538	8,342
Salisbury	1,262	1,063	495	2,820
TOTALS	**8,293**	**5,635**	**2,857**	**16,785**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Fifth Essex District				
Essex	791	546	316	1,653
GLOUCESTER	5,005	3,792	2,463	11,260
Rockport	1,815	1,238	765	3,818
TOTALS	**7,611**	**5,576**	**3,544**	**16,731**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Sixth Essex District				
BEVERLY	7,238	5,000	3,293	15,531
TOTALS	**7,238**	**5,000**	**3,293**	**15,531**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Seventh Essex District				
SALEM	6,559	4,988	2,735	14,282
TOTALS	**6,559**	**4,988**	**2,735**	**14,282**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Second Hampshire District				
Easthampton	3,223	2,102	1,058	6,383
Hadley	606	19	1,742	2,367
South Hadley	3,157	2,252	1,292	6,701
TOTALS	**6,986**	**4,373**	**4,092**	**15,451**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Fourteenth Middlesex District				
Acton	2,301	1,199	689	4,189
Carlisle	1,453	693	415	2,561
Chelmsford	1,978	1,019	452	3,449
Concord	4,479	2,371	1,595	8,445
TOTALS	**10,211**	**5,282**	**3,151**	**18,644**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Twenty-Sixth Middlesex District				
CAMBRIDGE	2,794	2,140	1,511	6,445
SOMERVILLE	1,859	1,389	1,076	4,324
TOTALS	**4,653**	**3,529**	**2,587**	**10,769**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Twenty-Ninth Middlesex District				
CAMBRIDGE	2,094	1,326	1,058	4,478
Watertown	5,483	3,483	2,137	11,103
TOTALS	**7,577**	**4,809**	**3,195**	**15,581**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Thirty-Second Middlesex District				
MELROSE	5,953	4,415	2,188	12,556
Wakefield	3,313	2,098	1,005	6,416
TOTALS	**9,266**	**6,513**	**3,193**	**18,972**