

# MASSACHUSETTS ELECTIONS STATISTICS 2004



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**QUESTION 1**

Shall the Town of Hadley 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: acquire, create and preserve open space, land for recreational use, and community housing; acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore such open space, land for recreational use and community housing acquired or created as provided under said Act. In Hadley, the Act will be funded by an additional surcharge of three percent on the annual tax levy on real property and by matching funds provided by the state. The following exemptions from such surcharge, permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act, will apply: 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 \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. The surcharge to be paid by a taxpayer receiving an abatement of real property authorized by chapter 59 or any other law will be reduced in proportion to such abatement. A Community Preservation Committee, created pursuant to bylaw, will make recommendations on the use of the funds. Town Meeting must approve any such recommendation before funds can be expended to acquire any particular parcel of land. All expenditures pursuant to the Act will be subject to an annual audit.

**in the Town of Hadley**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Hampshire County</b>				
Hadley.....	1,746	977	362	3,085
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>1,746</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>3,085</b>

**QUESTION 1**

Shall the City of Easthampton be allowed to assess an additional \$874,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the operating budgets of the City and the Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and five?

**in the City of Easthampton**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Hampshire County</b>				
Easthampton.....	3,379	4,709	247	8,335
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>3,379</b>	<b>4,709</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>8,335</b>

**QUESTION 1**

Shall the Town of Mashpee be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued for the purpose of constructing a library and for expenses incidental and related thereto?

**in the Town of Mashpee**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Barnstable County</b>				
Mashpee.....	5,091	2,236	467	7,794
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>5,091</b>	<b>2,236</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>7,794</b>

**QUESTION 1**

Shall the Town of Sharon 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 through 7 of chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act (the "Act"), establish a dedicated funding source to enable cities and towns to: (1) acquire open space, which includes land for park and recreational uses and the protection of public drinking water 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 Sharon, the funding source for these community preservation purposes will be a surcharge of 1% 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 moderate income senior housing in the Town, as defined in Section 2 of the 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 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) affordable housing.

**In the Town of Sharon**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Norfolk County</b>				
Sharon .....	4,960	3,691	1,157	9,808
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>4,960</b>	<b>3,691</b>	<b>1,157</b>	<b>9,808</b>

**QUESTION 1**

Shall an act passed by the general court in the year 2004 entitled, 'An Act Relative To The Charter Of The Town of Needham,' be accepted?

**SUMMARY**

Acceptance of this Act replaces the position of the Town Administrator with the creation of a Town Manager. The Town Manager will serve as the chief executive and fiscal officer, overseeing the day-to-day management of the Town. Appointed by the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager will be responsible for hiring and supervising most Town employees, except those of the School Department.

Acceptance of this Act will not affect the composition or status of elected boards. These boards will retain their policy-making functions and will approve the hiring of the department managers under their jurisdiction. The Board of Selectmen will continue to appoint Town Counsel, and all other boards, commissions, and committees it presently appoints.

The changes to the town charter will become effective 185 days after being approved by a majority of voters of the Town voting at the November 2, 2004 election.

**In the Town of Needham**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Norfolk County</b>				
Needham.....	12,657	2,212	2,036	16,905
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>12,657</b>	<b>2,212</b>	<b>2,036</b>	<b>16,905</b>

**QUESTION 1**

Shall the Town of Athol 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 upgrade and renovate the municipal sewer treatment plant and appurtenances?  
**In the Town of Athol**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Worcester County</b>				
Athol .....	2,106	2,193	358	4,657
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>2,106</b>	<b>2,193</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>4,657</b>

**QUESTION 1**

Shall the Town of Franklin be allowed to assess an additional three million, nine hundred thousand dollars (\$3,900,000) in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of preserving current school and municipal services \$3,255,000), restoring six (6) and adding two (2) firefighter/paramedics to staff two (2) ambulances (\$275,000), restoring four (4) police officers (\$240,000), restoring Library hours to meet the minimum state requirement (\$130,000) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, Two thousand and five (2005)?  
**In the Town of Franklin**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Norfolk County</b>				
Franklin.....	7,037	8,185	258	15,480
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>7,037</b>	<b>8,185</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>15,480</b>

**QUESTION 1**

Shall the Town of Mendon 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 the Fino property located off North Ave., and Milford St., Mendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts?  
**In the Town of Mendon**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Worcester County</b>				
Mendon.....	2,025	904	121	3,050
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>2,025</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>3,050</b>

**QUESTION 1**

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 bond issued in order to cap the Town land fill, including all expenses incidental and related thereto?  
**In the Town of Orleans**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Barnstable County</b>				
Orleans.....	2,985	1,062	656	4,703
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>2,985</b>	<b>1,062</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>4,703</b>

**QUESTION 1**

Shall the Town of Wellesley be allowed to assess an additional \$2,500,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding its Group Insurance Liability Trust Fund to reduce the Town's unfunded post retirement benefit liability to zero over a 30 year period for the fiscal years beginning July first, two thousand and five?  
**In the Town of Wellesley**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Norfolk County</b>				
Wellesley.....	3,123	9,777	1,321	14,221
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>3,123</b>	<b>9,777</b>	<b>1,321</b>	<b>14,221</b>

**QUESTION 1**

Shall the Town of Holden 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 and equip a Public Safety Building on property at 1384 Main Street, including the costs of architectural, engineering, property acquisition, demolitions services and temporary facilities and other costs incidental and related thereto?  
**In the Town of Holden**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Worcester County</b>				
Holden.....	4,318	4,932	594	9,844
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>4,318</b>	<b>4,932</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>9,844</b>

**QUESTION 1**

Shall the Town of Grafton 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 additional borrowing to construct a new Fire Station at 25 Worcester Street and a new Police Station at 26 Providence Road?  
**In the Town of Grafton**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Worcester County</b>				
Grafton.....	3,702	3,637	742	8,081
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>3,702</b>	<b>3,637</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>8,081</b>

**QUESTION 1**

Shall the Town of Concord 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), allow communities to establish a dedicated funding source, and to receive state matching funds, with which to (1) acquire, create, and preserve open space, which includes, but is not limited to, farmland, forests and marshes, and other conservation land; (2) acquire, preserve, rehabilitate, and restore historic buildings and sites; (3) create, preserve, and support affordable housing; and (4) acquire, create, and preserve land for recreational use. The dedicated funds may also be used to rehabilitate and restore open space, community housing, and recreational land acquired or created under the Act.

As approved by the 2004 Annual Town Meeting, the local funding source for Concord will be a surcharge of 1.5% on the annual property tax on real property, commencing in fiscal year 2005, which runs from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005. In addition, the Act creates a state trust fund from which the Town will receive distributions in the form of matching funds that are solely available to communities that have accepted the Act. The funding source for this trust fund is the increased filing fees at the local registry of deeds and land courts.

Concord's Town Meeting has voted to include the following optional exemptions such that, if the Act is accepted, the following will be exempt from the surcharge: (1) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property; and (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, as defined by Section 2 of said Act. Any other taxpayer receiving an exemption on real property taxes authorized by chapter 59 of the General Laws shall receive a pro rata reduction of the surcharge.

A Community Preservation Committee composed of nine local citizens will consult with citizens and town committees and make recommendations on the use of the funds. All expenditures will be subject to a vote of Town Meeting, and will be included in the Town's annual audit.

**In the Town of Concord**

of 2004, thereby precluding the Town from paying a substantial accidental death benefit to Claire B. McNamara, widow of firefighter Martin H. McNamara V, and allowing the Town to pay only the minimal benefit allowable under state law; (2) make no change to the limitations imposed by Proposition 2 1/2 with regard to the amount the Town may raise by taxation; and (3) nullify Town Meeting's contingent appropriation of funds for the purchase of an annuity to pay a substantial accidental death benefit to Claire B. McNamara.

**In the Town of Lancaster**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Worcester County</b>				
Lancaster .....	1,607	1,623	169	3,399
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>1,607</b>	<b>1,623</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>3,399</b>

**QUESTION 1**

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

**SUMMARY**

Section 3 to 7 of chapter 44B, also known as the Community Preservation Act ("Act"), establishes a dedicated funding source to acquire, create and preserve land for recreation, open space, historic resources and housing for low and moderate income persons and families and moderate income seniors.

A Community Preservation Committee will be established by by-law to study potential uses of the funds and to make recommendations to Town Meeting on how they should be spent. All expenditures will be subject to an annual audit and all meetings of the Committee will be open to the public.

In Groton, the Act will be funded by a surcharge of 3% of the annual property tax assessed on real estate beginning in the 2006 Fiscal Year—at current rates, this would be about \$111 per year based on a single family residential property with the median valuation of \$339,741. The other source of funds would be a special state trust fund. Money from the trust fund is distributed annually to communities that have accepted the Act.

Owner occupied housing would be exempt from the surcharge when the owner qualifies for low-income housing or low or moderate senior housing. \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential property would

also be exempt. Any taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement will also receive a corresponding reduction in the Community Preservation Act surcharge. Any taxpayer receiving an exemption of real property authorized by law shall be exempt from the surcharge under the Act.  
**In the town of Groton**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Middlesex County</b>				
Groton.....	2,869	2,554	428	5,851
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>2,869</b>	<b>2,554</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>5,851</b>

**QUESTION 2**

Shall the Town of Needham 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**

In May 2004 the Annual Town Meeting voted to accept the provisions of M.G.L. chapter 44 B, Sections 3 to 7, known as the Community Preservation Act, which establishes a special Community Preservation Fund that may be appointed and spent for certain open spaces, historic resources and affordable housing purposes; to approve a property tax surcharge of up to two (2) percent of the taxes assessed annually on all real property for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2004, and to exempt from the surcharge the following: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or low or moderate senior housing in the community and (2) \$100,000 of the assessed valuation of Class One residential parcels.

**In the Town of Needham**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Norfolk County</b>				
Needham.....	8,893	6,591	1,421	16,905
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>8,893</b>	<b>6,591</b>	<b>1,421</b>	<b>16,905</b>

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Middlesex County</b>				
Concord.....	5,347	3,724	1,134	10,205
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>5,347</b>	<b>3,724</b>	<b>1,134</b>	<b>10,205</b>

**QUESTION 1**

Shall sections 280, 281, and 282 of chapter 149 of 2004, which authorized the town of Lancaster to pay a survivor benefit and extend health insurance coverage to Claire B. McNamara and her dependents' be accepted?

**SUMMARY**

The Act authorizes the Town, in lieu of any obligations under any other general or special law, to pay an accidental death benefit to Claire B. McNamara, the widow of fallen firefighter Martin H. McNamara V, equal to 2/3 of the average annual salary of a first-year career firefighter in the local area. The Act authorizes the Town to fund the purchase of an annuity through an "override" of the provisions of Proposition 2 1/2, so called. Proposition 2 1/2 imposes limits on the amount a town may raise by taxation. The Act allows the Town to raise through taxation, for one year only, the sum of \$650,000 in addition to the amounts permitted under Proposition 2 1/2. The Town Department of Finance and Budget estimates the tax rate will increase by approximately \$1.17 per thousand dollars of valuation for one year only. On March 22, 2004, Town Meeting voted to appropriate the \$650,000 contingent upon approval of this ballot question. Thus, approval of the question will constitute approval of the override and will ratify Town Meeting's contingent appropriation of such funds. The Act also makes Claire B. McNamara and her dependents eligible for health insurance, subject to certain conditions, provided that she bears responsibility for a retirees' percentage share for the premium for such insurance.

A YES VOTE would: (1) accept Sections 280-282 of chapter 149 of the Acts of 2004 authorizing the Town to provide a substantial accidental death benefit to Claire B. McNamara, widow of firefighter Martin H. McNamara V; (2) approve a special one-year override of the limitation imposed by G.L. c.59, §21C, Proposition 2 1/2, so called, in the amount of \$650,000 for the purchase of an annuity to pay the accidental death benefit; and (3) ratify Town Meeting's contingent appropriation of such funds.  
 A NO VOTE would: (1) reject Sections 280-282 of chapter 149 of the Acts

A Community Preservation Committee will be established by Town By-Law to study community preservation resources, possibilities and needs and to 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) affordable housing.

**In the Town of Hanover**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Plymouth County</b>				
Hanover.....	3,638	3,151	833	7,622
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>3,638</b>	<b>3,151</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>7,622</b>

**QUESTION 1**

Shall an act passed by the general court in the year 2004 entitled 'An Act providing for a charter for the Town of Dudley' be accepted?

**SUMMARY**

If adopted the proposed charter would: Retain the open town meeting; provide for the election by the voters of a five member Board of Selectmen, a Moderator for three years, a Town Clerk, a Library Board of Trustees, a School Committee, a Housing Authority; eliminate the office of Town Administrator and replace it with a Town Manager who shall be responsible for the management of the town's business and for the appointment of a Board of Health, a Cable Advisory Committee, a Capital Improvement Committee, a Civil Defense Coordinator, a Fence Viewer, a Hazardous Waste Coordinator, a Planning Board, a Personnel Advisory Committee and advisory committees to replace several boards currently elected; the Town Manager would appoint most of the employees of the town government; the Board of Selectmen will appoint the Constables, Veterans' Agent and some other officers they currently appoint; the Moderator would appoint Zoning Board of Appeals; a Department of Public Works covering such functions as highways, cemeteries, animal control, recreation, recycling; tree warden, sewer and water, would be established under the direction of the Town Manager and run by a Department Director.

**In the Town of Dudley**

**QUESTION 1**

Shall the Town of Middleton accept Sections 3 through 7 inclusive, of chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body, a summary of which appears below?

**SUMMARY**

Sections 3 through 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 Middleton, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by an additional excise of one percent (1%) on the annual tax levy on real property and by matching funds provided by the state. EXCLUSIONS: If approved, the following would be exempt from the surcharge: the first \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. A Community Preservation Committee composed of local citizens will make recommendations on the use of funds and all expenditures will be subject to an annual audit.

**In the Town of Middleton**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Essex County</b>				
Middleton.....	2,602	958	267	3,827
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>2,602</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>3,827</b>

**QUESTION 1**

Shall the Town of Barnstable adopt section 298 of Chapter 149 of the Acts of 2004, as approved by the town council, a summary of which appears below?

**SUMMARY**

Acceptances of section 298 of Chapter of the Acts of 2004 means the Community Preservation Act shall effectively replace the Cape Cod Open Space Land Acquisition Program. There shall be no additional excise on real property levied, other than the current 3 per cent levied for the provisions of



the Cape Cod Open Space Land Acquisition Program. Acceptance of this section shall allow the community to access state matching funds of up to 100 per cent of the excise on real property currently levied, which was previously unavailable to the town.

**In the Town of Barnstable**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Barnstable County</b>				
Barnstable .....	17,597	4,931	3,026	25,554
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>17,597</b>	<b>4,931</b>	<b>3,026</b>	<b>25,554</b>

**QUESTION 1**

Shall the Town of Hanover accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of chapter 44B of the General Laws, as proposed by a petition signed by at least five percent (5%) of the registered voters of the Town of Hanover, 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 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 Hanover, Massachusetts, 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 persons who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town of Hanover, 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.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Worcester County</b>				
Dudley .....	1,896	2,738	225	4,859
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>1,896</b>	<b>2,738</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>4,859</b>

**QUESTION 1**

A. Shall licenses be granted in the Town of Carlisle for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages (whiskey, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverages)?

**In the Town of Carlisle**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Middlesex County</b>				
Carlisle .....	1,026	2,000	118	3,144
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>1,026</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>3,144</b>

B. Shall licenses be granted in the Town of Carlisle for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer; ale and all other malt beverages)?

**In the Town of Carlisle**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Middlesex County</b>				
Carlisle .....	1,767	1,286	91	3,144
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>1,767</b>	<b>1,286</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>3,144</b>

**QUESTION 1**

E. Shall licenses be granted in Harvard for the sale therein of alcoholic beverages by restaurants and function rooms having a seating capacity of not less than one hundred persons?  
**In the Town of Harvard**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Worcester County</b>				
Harvard.....	2,487	839	79	3,405
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>2,487</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>3,405</b>

**QUESTION 1**

Shall the Town of Wilbraham accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of chapter 44B of the General Laws, as proposed by a petition signed by at least five percent (5%) of the registered voters of the Town of Wilbraham, 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, established as a dedicated 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 Wilbraham, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by a surcharge of 1.5% on the annual property tax assessed on real property and by matching funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts distributed on an annual basis in the 2005 Fiscal Year from a state trust fund established pursuant to the Community Preservation Act.

The following abatements or exemptions shall be permitted:

- 1) Property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or moderate income senior housing in the Town of Wilbraham, as defined in Section 2 of the Community Preservation Act;
- 2) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property; and
- 3) Any other abatements or exemptions allowed by local and state law.

Any other taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption would receive a corresponding full or partial reduction in the surcharge. A Community Preservation Committee which has been established by annual town meeting and local bylaw would study community preservation resources, possibilities, and needs to make 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 open space, historic resources, and affordable housing.

**In the Town of Wilbraham**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Hampden County</b>				
Wilbraham.....	4,399	3,111	730	8,240
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>4,399</b>	<b>3,111</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>8,240</b>

**QUESTION 1**

Shall the Town of Northborough accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of chapter 44B of the General Laws, as proposed by a petition signed by at least five percent (5%) of the registered voters of the Town of Northborough, 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 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 Northborough, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by an additional surcharge of 1.5% on the annual property tax assessed on real property beginning in the 2006 Fiscal Year, and by matching funds provided by the state. The following exemptions shall be permitted:

- 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.

Any other taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a corresponding full or partial reduction in the surcharge. A Community Preservation Committee will be established by local bylaw to study community preservation resources, possibilities, and needs and to make recommendation 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: open space, historic resources, and affordable housing.

**In the Town of Northborough**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Worcester County</b>				
Northborough.....	4,450	2,766	531	7,747
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>4,450</b>	<b>2,766</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>7,747</b>

**QUESTION 1, 2 OR 3  
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING**

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote for legislation requiring that in all separation and divorce proceedings involving minor children, the court shall uphold the fundamental rights of both parents to the shared physical and legal custody of their children and the children's rights to maximize their time with each parent, so far as is practical, unless one parent is found unfit or the parents agree otherwise, subject to the requirements of existing child support and abuse prevention laws?

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Fourth Bristol District</b>				
Norton.....	1,351	188	327	1,866
Rehoboth.....	4,272	578	829	5,679
Seekonk.....	5,231	767	1,142	7,140
Swansea.....	4,997	711	1,017	6,725
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>15,851</b>	<b>2,244</b>	<b>3,315</b>	<b>21,410</b>
<b>Fifth Bristol District</b>				
Dighton.....	2,488	318	467	3,273
Somerset.....	7,438	1,119	1,620	10,167
Swansea.....	1,235	172	277	1,684
TAUNTON.....	3,089	358	1,397	4,844
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>14,240</b>	<b>1,967</b>	<b>3,761</b>	<b>19,968</b>
<b>Sixth Essex District</b>				
BEVERLY.....	15,009	2,589	2,079	19,677
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>15,009</b>	<b>2,589</b>	<b>2,079</b>	<b>19,677</b>
<b>Seventh Essex District</b>				
SALEM.....	13,081	2,547	2,512	18,140
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>13,081</b>	<b>2,547</b>	<b>2,512</b>	<b>18,140</b>
<b>Thirteenth Essex District</b>				
Danvers.....	10,375	1,728	1,234	13,337
PEABODY.....	3,363	616	491	4,470
Topsfield.....	2,914	457	362	3,733
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>16,652</b>	<b>2,801</b>	<b>2,087</b>	<b>21,540</b>

**QUESTION 1 OR 2  
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING**

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote for legislation to create a strong presumption in child custody cases in favor of joint physical and legal custody, so that the court will order that the children have equal access to both parents as much as possible, except where there is clear and convincing evidence that one parent is unfit, or that joint custody is not possible due to the fault of one of the parents?

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>First Berkshire District</b>				
Adams.....	2,944	600	529	4,073
Charlmont.....	542	78	672	1,292
Clarksburg.....	623	93	877	1,613
Florida.....	285	67	53	405
Hawley.....	158	22	15	195
Heath.....	316	72	46	434
Monroe.....	42	7	13	62
NORTH ADAMS.....	4,191	833	996	6,020
Rowe.....	180	54	19	253
Savoy.....	267	51	24	342
Williamstown.....	2,458	733	575	3,766
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>12,006</b>	<b>2,678</b>	<b>2,415</b>	<b>17,099</b>
<b>Second Berkshire District</b>				
Ashfield.....	832	161	111	1,104
Becket.....	543	108	197	848
Barnardston.....	899	146	191	1,236
Buckland.....	742	134	160	1,036
Cheshire.....	1,324	305	202	1,831
Colrain.....	668	113	95	876
Cummington.....	402	86	61	549
Daiton.....	2,249	647	636	3,532
Hancock.....	277	71	51	399
Hinsdale.....	782	176	114	1,072
Lanesborough.....	1,085	298	242	1,625
Levden.....	356	62	44	462
Middlefield.....	223	49	30	302
New Ashford.....	111	25	12	148
Northfield.....	1,264	279	198	1,741

<b>Fourteenth Essex District</b>			
LAWRENCE.....	3,910	497	1,397
North Andover.....	7,473	1,057	1,465
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>11,383</b>	<b>1,554</b>	<b>2,862</b>

<b>Seventeenth Essex District</b>			
Andover.....	8,569	1,178	1,563
LAWRENCE.....	2,391	278	781
Tewksbury.....	3,035	379	579
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>13,995</b>	<b>1,835</b>	<b>2,923</b>

<b>First Franklin District</b>			
Belchertown.....	2,286	385	538
Chesterfield.....	474	95	104
Conway.....	872	149	1,194
Deerfield.....	2,227	405	3,026
Goshen.....	408	86	84
Huntington.....	484	336	246
Leverett.....	788	191	1,169
Montague.....	2,986	624	588
New Salem.....	428	79	83
Pelham.....	567	140	157
Shutesbury.....	794	189	189
Sunderland.....	1,226	249	278
Wendell.....	370	74	534
Whately.....	663	127	145
Williamsburg.....	1,136	202	247
Worthington.....	547	117	123
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>16,256</b>	<b>3,488</b>	<b>3,589</b>

<b>Second Franklin District</b>			
Athol.....	3,479	742	436
Erving.....	585	90	106
Gill.....	676	143	95
Greenfield.....	6,296	1,140	1,131
Orange.....	2,449	342	389
Warwick.....	277	68	53
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>13,762</b>	<b>2,525</b>	<b>2,210</b>

Peru.....	50	67	406
PITTSFIELD.....	214	361	1,675
Plainfield.....	36	62	374
Richmond.....	101	227	1,000
Shelburne.....	144	136	1,159
Washington.....	26	78	321
Windsor.....	56	106	530
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>2,971</b>	<b>3,697</b>	<b>22,226</b>

<b>Third Berkshire District</b>			
PITTSFIELD.....	11,215	3,926	2,359
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>11,215</b>	<b>3,926</b>	<b>17,500</b>

<b>Fourth Berkshire District</b>			
Alford.....	207	53	303
Blandford.....	515	76	669
Chester.....	520	74	72
Egremont.....	568	161	83
Great Barrington.....	2,469	714	572
Lee.....	2,020	592	447
Lenox.....	1,968	661	461
Monterey.....	373	114	59
Mount Washington.....	95	9	4
New Marlborough.....	612	141	75
Otis.....	548	111	94
PITTSFIELD.....	898	284	210
Sandisfield.....	290	68	60
Sheffield.....	1,276	309	243
Stockbridge.....	783	240	237
Tolland.....	177	20	41
Tyringham.....	161	63	42
West Stockbridge.....	592	187	127
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>14,072</b>	<b>3,877</b>	<b>2,948</b>

<b>First Hampshire District</b>			
Hatfield.....	1,595	272	226
Montgomery.....	368	49	54
NORTHAMPTON.....	10,804	2,575	15,495
Southampton.....	2,413	362	407
Westhampton.....	777	159	71
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>15,957</b>	<b>3,417</b>	<b>2,874</b>

<b>Fourth Hampshire District</b>			
Andover.....	8,569	1,178	1,563
LAWRENCE.....	2,391	278	781
Tewksbury.....	3,035	379	579
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>13,995</b>	<b>1,835</b>	<b>2,923</b>

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**QUESTION 1, 2 OR 3  
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING (cont.)**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>First Hampden District</b>				
Brimfield.....	1,420	198	227	1,845
Holland.....	361	113	193	1,167
Palmer.....	4,272	607	1,202	6,081
Sturbridge.....	3,558	449	676	4,683
Wales.....	674	103	119	896
Ware.....	2,248	284	565	3,097
Warren.....	1,641	227	324	2,192
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>14,674</b>	<b>1,981</b>	<b>3,306</b>	<b>19,961</b>
<b>Third Hampden District</b>				
Agawam.....	9,942	1,342	2,747	14,031
Granville.....	639	96	104	839
Russell.....	589	103	100	792
Southwick.....	3,361	449	699	4,509
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>14,531</b>	<b>1,990</b>	<b>3,650</b>	<b>20,171</b>
<b>Ninth Hampden District</b>				
CHICOPEE.....	841	103	225	1,169
SPRINGFIELD.....	8,155	1,092	3,831	13,078
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>8,996</b>	<b>1,195</b>	<b>4,056</b>	<b>14,247</b>
<b>Second Hampshire District</b>				
Easthampton.....	6,035	1,214	1,086	8,335
Hadley.....	2,137	455	493	3,085
South Hadley.....	6,458	850	1,326	8,634
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>14,630</b>	<b>2,519</b>	<b>2,905</b>	<b>20,054</b>
<b>First Middlesex District</b>				
Ayer.....	2,307	313	365	2,985
Dunstable.....	1,445	173	139	1,757
Groton.....	4,257	826	768	5,851
Pepperell.....	4,621	543	753	5,917
Townsend.....	3,395	526	557	4,678
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>16,225</b>	<b>2,381</b>	<b>2,582</b>	<b>21,188</b>

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Fifth Norfolk District</b>				
Braintree.....	12,119	1,651	4,491	18,261
Holbrook.....	907	115	327	1,349
Randolph.....	982	131	498	1,611
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>14,008</b>	<b>1,897</b>	<b>5,316</b>	<b>21,221</b>
<b>Twelfth Norfolk District</b>				
Norwood.....	8,828	1,149	4,039	14,016
Walpole.....	4,961	674	966	6,601
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>13,789</b>	<b>1,823</b>	<b>5,005</b>	<b>20,617</b>
<b>Fourteenth Norfolk District</b>				
Natick.....	1,498	226	392	2,116
Wellesley.....	9,676	2,423	2,122	14,221
Weston.....	4,579	861	908	6,348
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>15,753</b>	<b>3,510</b>	<b>3,422</b>	<b>22,685</b>
<b>Second Suffolk District</b>				
BOSTON.....	4,417	647	2,128	7,192
CHELSEA.....	2,611	352	1,886	4,849
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>7,028</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>4,014</b>	<b>12,041</b>
<b>Third Suffolk District</b>				
BOSTON.....	9,098	1,181	5,380	15,659
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>9,098</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>5,380</b>	<b>15,659</b>
<b>Nineteenth Suffolk District</b>				
REVERE.....	2,915	439	2,839	6,193
Winthrop.....	5,546	835	2,563	8,944
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>8,461</b>	<b>1,274</b>	<b>5,402</b>	<b>15,137</b>

**Sixth Worcester District**

Charlton.....	4,622	644	434	5,700
East Brookfield.....	860	118	122	1,100
Oxford.....	1,230	149	121	1,500
Southbridge.....	4,829	649	1,099	6,577
Spencer.....	2,263	269	241	2,773
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>13,804</b>	<b>1,829</b>	<b>2,017</b>	<b>17,650</b>

**Eleventh Worcester District**

Shrewsbury.....	12,145	1,707	2,731	16,583
Westborough.....	2,478	357	553	3,388
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>14,623</b>	<b>2,064</b>	<b>3,284</b>	<b>19,971</b>

**Twelfth Worcester District**

Boylston.....	1,973	274	220	2,467
Clinton.....	4,670	658	794	6,122
Lancaster.....	1,518	257	277	2,052
Northborough.....	5,816	1,107	824	7,747
Sterling.....	1,868	239	212	2,319
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>15,845</b>	<b>2,535</b>	<b>2,327</b>	<b>20,707</b>

**Seventeenth Worcester District**

Leicester.....	3,881	565	722	5,168
WORCESTER.....	7,166	423	693	8,282
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>11,047</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>1,415</b>	<b>13,450</b>

**Fourth Middlesex District**

Berlin.....	1,200	194	179	1,573
MARLBOROUGH.....	11,347	1,505	2,781	15,633
Southborough.....	1,535	206	248	1,989
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>14,082</b>	<b>1,905</b>	<b>3,208</b>	<b>19,195</b>

**Fifth Middlesex District**

Millis.....	2,233	341	518	3,092
Natick.....	10,863	1,482	2,862	15,207
Sherborn.....	1,933	335	396	2,664
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>15,029</b>	<b>2,158</b>	<b>3,776</b>	<b>20,963</b>

**Twentieth Middlesex District**

Lynnfield.....	3,758	455	957	5,170
Middleton.....	1,634	308	282	2,224
North Reading.....	5,418	718	1,776	7,912
Reading.....	5,523	836	2,033	8,392
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>16,333</b>	<b>2,317</b>	<b>5,048</b>	<b>23,698</b>

**Twenty-Second Middlesex District**

Billerica.....	14,188	1,721	2,313	18,222
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>14,188</b>	<b>1,721</b>	<b>2,313</b>	<b>18,222</b>

**Twenty-Third Middlesex District**

Arlington.....	12,732	2,288	3,158	18,178
MEDFORD.....	3,975	713	1,194	5,882
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>16,707</b>	<b>3,001</b>	<b>4,352</b>	<b>24,060</b>

**Thirty-First Middlesex District**

Stoneham.....	6,283	819	2,825	9,927
Winchester.....	7,968	1,305	2,888	12,161
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>14,251</b>	<b>2,124</b>	<b>5,713</b>	<b>22,088</b>

**Thirty-Second Middlesex District**

MELROSE.....	10,093	1,562	3,613	15,268
Wakefield.....	5,224	611	2,071	7,906
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>15,317</b>	<b>2,173</b>	<b>5,684</b>	<b>23,174</b>

**QUESTION 1 OR 2  
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING**

Shall the state senator from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation that would allow seriously ill patients, with their doctor's written recommendation, to possess and grow small amounts of marijuana for their personal medical use?

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Worcester &amp; Norfolk District</b>				
Bellingham .....	5,213	2,074	595	7,882
Blackstone .....	2,627	1,201	253	4,081
Douglas .....	2,690	1,031	248	3,969
Dudley .....	2,877	1,628	354	4,859
Hopedale .....	2,071	920	290	3,281
Mendon .....	2,004	867	179	3,050
Millford .....	7,396	3,200	1,366	11,962
Millville .....	928	407	89	1,424
Northbridge .....	4,187	2,141	565	6,893
Oxford .....	3,962	1,752	484	6,198
Southbridge .....	3,647	1,975	955	6,577
Sutton .....	3,000	1,422	361	4,783
Uxbridge .....	4,172	1,964	495	6,631
Webster .....	3,965	2,029	508	6,502
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>48,739</b>	<b>22,611</b>	<b>6,742</b>	<b>78,092</b>

**QUESTION 1 OR 2  
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING**

Shall the state senator from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation requiring that in all separation and divorce proceedings involving minor children, the court shall uphold the fundamental rights of both parents to the shared physical and legal custody of their children and the children's right to maximize their time with each parent, so far as is practical, unless one parent is found unfit or the parents agree otherwise, subject to the requirements of existing child support and abuse prevention laws?

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Second Hampden &amp; Hampshire District</b>				
Blandford .....	492	84	93	669
Chester .....	515	68	83	666
CHICOPEE .....	11,275	1,563	2,882	15,720
Easthampton .....	6,205	1,275	855	8,335
Granville .....	609	96	134	839
HOLYOKE .....	10,094	1,442	3,274	14,810
Montgomery .....	363	46	62	471
Russell .....	558	108	126	792
Southampton .....	2,472	354	356	3,182
Southwick .....	3,134	448	927	4,509
Tolland .....	171	23	44	238
WESTFIELD .....	12,325	1,730	2,929	16,984
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>48,213</b>	<b>7,237</b>	<b>11,765</b>	<b>67,215</b>



**QUESTION 1 OR 2  
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING**

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of a constitutional amendment that would remove the authority to create congressional and legislative districts from the state Legislature and instead place that responsibility in the hands of an independent commission, subject to strict guidelines for public participation, non-partisanship, retaining the integrity of existing communities, and respecting the voting rights of minorities?

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>First Barnstable District</b>				
Brewster .....	3,327	1,958	1,404	6,689
Dennis .....	4,734	3,176	1,858	9,768
Yarmouth .....	4,388	2,832	1,929	9,149
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>12,449</b>	<b>7,966</b>	<b>5,191</b>	<b>25,606</b>

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Tenth Bristol District</b>				
Fairhaven .....	3,760	2,548	1,886	8,194
Marion .....	1,609	955	511	3,075
Mattapoisett .....	2,018	1,108	784	3,910
Middleborough .....	1,295	1,029	912	3,236
Rochester .....	1,307	939	569	2,815
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>9,989</b>	<b>6,579</b>	<b>4,662</b>	<b>21,230</b>

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Seventh Essex District</b>				
SALEM .....	9,270	5,437	3,433	18,140
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>9,270</b>	<b>5,437</b>	<b>3,433</b>	<b>18,140</b>

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Third Hampshire District</b>				
Amherst .....	6,953	2,238	2,421	11,592
Granby .....	1,379	1,149	816	3,344
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>8,312</b>	<b>3,387</b>	<b>3,237</b>	<b>14,936</b>

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Ninth Middlesex District</b>				
Lexington .....	3,700	1,115	1,050	5,865
WALTHAM .....	5,974	3,539	4,224	13,737
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>9,674</b>	<b>4,654</b>	<b>5,274</b>	<b>19,602</b>

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Third Berkshire District</b>				
PITTSFIELD .....	10,909	4,173	2,418	17,500
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>10,909</b>	<b>4,173</b>	<b>2,418</b>	<b>17,500</b>

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Twenty-Fourth Middlesex District</b>				
Arlington .....	1,588	479	165	2,232
Belmont .....	9,389	3,182	949	13,520
CAMBRIDGE .....	3,574	1,044	797	5,415
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>14,551</b>	<b>4,705</b>	<b>1,911</b>	<b>21,167</b>

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Sixth Norfolk District</b>				
Avon .....	1,319	578	556	2,453
Canton .....	6,408	2,618	2,481	11,507
Stoughton .....	3,064	1,310	1,525	5,899
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>10,791</b>	<b>4,506</b>	<b>4,562</b>	<b>19,859</b>

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Seventh Plymouth District</b>				
Abington .....	5,103	2,077	551	7,731
East Bridgewater .....	4,208	1,862	526	6,596
Whitman .....	4,473	1,963	465	6,901
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>13,784</b>	<b>5,902</b>	<b>1,542</b>	<b>21,228</b>