

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 3, 2006?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow licensed and other authorized providers of child care in private homes under the state's subsidized child care system to bargain collectively with the relevant state agencies about all terms and conditions of the provision of child care services under the state's child care assistance program and its regulations.

Under the proposed law, these family child care providers who provide state-subsidized child care would not be considered public employees, but if 30% of the providers gave written authorization for an employee organization to be their exclusive representative in collective bargaining, the state Labor Relations Commission would hold a secret mail ballot election on whether to certify that organization as the exclusive representative. Parts of the state's public employee labor relations law and regulations would apply to the election and collective bargaining processes. The proposed law would not authorize providers to engage in a strike or other refusal to deliver child care services.

An exclusive representative, if certified, could then communicate with providers to develop and present a proposal to the state agencies concerning the terms and conditions of child care provider services. The proposed law would then require the parties to negotiate in good faith to try to reach a binding agreement. If the agreed-upon terms and conditions required

changes in existing regulations, the state agencies could not finally agree to the terms until they completed the required procedures for changing regulations and any cost items agreed to by the parties had been approved by the state Legislature. If any actions taken under the proposed law required spending state funds, that spending would be subject to appropriation by the Legislature. Any complaint that one of the parties was refusing to negotiate in good faith could be filed with and ruled upon by the Labor Relations Commission. An exclusive representative could collect a fee from providers for the costs of representing them.

An exclusive representative could be de-certified under Commission regulations and procedures if certain conditions were met. The Commission could not accept a decertification petition for at least 2 years after the first exclusive representative was certified, and any such petition would have to be supported by 50% or more of the total number of providers. The Commission would then hold a secret mail ballot election for the providers to vote on whether to decertify the exclusive representative.

The proposed law states that activities carried out under it would be exempt from federal anti-trust laws. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would allow licensed and other authorized providers of child care in private homes under the state's subsidized child care system to bargain collectively with the state.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws concerning licensed and other authorized family child care providers.

Aggregate of Votes	Yes	%	No	%	Blanks	%	Total Ballots
BARNSTABLE	43,655	41.42%	51,745	49.09%	10,000	9.49%	105,400
BERKSHIRE	20,719	44.32%	19,878	42.52%	6,151	13.16%	46,748
BRISTOL	65,256	38.53%	83,136	49.08%	20,987	12.39%	169,379
DUKES	3,206	41.64%	3,313	43.03%	1,180	15.33%	7,699
ESSEX	101,601	39.00%	128,549	49.35%	30,338	11.65%	260,488
FRANKLIN	14,646	50.85%	11,024	38.28%	3,132	10.87%	28,802
HAMPDEN	60,442	44.10%	61,788	45.08%	14,815	10.81%	137,045
HAMPSHIRE	29,630	52.13%	21,949	38.62%	5,260	9.25%	56,839
MIDDLESEX	227,498	42.25%	248,759	46.20%	62,187	11.55%	538,444
NANTUCKET	1,871	46.40%	1,505	37.33%	656	16.27%	4,032
NORFOLK	106,723	40.79%	128,098	48.96%	26,825	10.25%	261,646
PLYMOUTH	74,433	40.63%	91,710	50.06%	17,064	9.31%	183,207
SUFFOLK	94,129	51.93%	62,816	34.65%	24,320	13.42%	181,265
WORCESTER	107,708	40.98%	127,983	48.69%	27,150	10.33%	262,841
TOTAL	951,517	42.41%	1,042,253	46.45%	250,065	11.14%	2,243,835

	Barnstable County			Berkshire County			Total Ballots
	Yes	No	Blanks	Yes	No	Blanks	
Barnstable	8,119	10,029	1,774	1,076	1,414	296	2,786
Bourne	3,147	3,989	630	105	101	50	256
Brewster	2,321	2,406	566	310	221	57	588
Chatham	1,581	2,007	348	537	649	132	1,318
Dennis	3,345	3,942	676	213	356	63	632
Eastham	1,397	1,382	289	1,055	1,086	282	2,423
Falmouth	6,090	7,761	1,477	335	225	99	659
Harwich	2,665	3,135	757	107	134	27	268
Mashpee	2,395	3,010	748	1,341	939	574	2,854
Orleans	1,585	1,834	391	126	100	36	262
Provincetown	1,050	630	276	291	313	84	688
Sandwich	3,621	4,983	845	480	488	107	1,075
Truro	647	469	108	1,028	868	239	2,135
Wellfleet	864	675	162	1,120	968	337	2,425
Yarmouth	4,828	5,493	953	240	135	70	445
TOTALS	43,655	51,745	10,000	38	23	18	79
				39	44	12	95
				294	231	94	619

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Berkshire County (cont.)				
NORTH ADAMS	1,517	1,857	597	3,971
Otis.....	276	203	74	553
Peru.....	117	116	24	257
PITTSFIELD	6,264	6,387	1,716	14,367
Richmond.....	358	332	97	787
Sandisfield.....	125	80	68	273
Savoy.....	86	105	29	220
Sheffield.....	630	503	195	1,328
Stockbridge.....	489	333	166	988
Tyringham.....	94	76	26	196
Washington.....	121	108	26	255
West Stockbridge.....	289	232	160	681
Williamstown	1,427	1,087	346	2,860
Windsor.....	191	164	50	405
TOTALS.....	20,719	19,878	6,151	46,748

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Bristol County				
Acushnet.....	1,619	2,060	321	4,000
ATTLEBORO	5,173	6,606	1,233	13,012
Berkley.....	834	1,166	168	2,168
Dartmouth.....	4,186	5,698	1,211	11,095
Dighton	876	1,304	213	2,393
Easton.....	3,492	4,634	752	8,878
Fairhaven.....	2,361	2,978	769	6,108
FALL RIVER.....	8,607	8,863	4,268	21,738
Freetown.....	1,305	1,761	205	3,271
Mansfield.....	3,364	4,220	724	8,308
NEW BEDFORD	10,005	9,908	4,187	24,100
North Attleborough.....	3,704	5,112	641	9,457
Norton.....	2,388	3,277	428	6,093
Raynham	1,788	2,426	539	4,753
Rehoboth.....	1,221	2,472	444	4,137
Seekonk	1,560	3,260	512	5,332
Somerset.....	2,529	3,726	1,103	7,358
Swansea.....	1,960	3,246	593	5,799
TAUNTON.....	6,197	7,157	2,108	15,462

Essex County (cont.)

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Salisbury	1,123	1,430	358	2,911
Saugus	3,924	5,215	987	10,126
Swampscott	2,526	3,107	679	6,312
Topsfield	1,001	1,802	295	3,098
Wenham.....	652	994	150	1,796
West Newbury	774	1,104	228	2,106
TOTALS.....	101,601	128,549	30,338	260,488

Franklin County

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Ashfield.....	502	282	102	886
Barnardston.....	315	334	268	917
Buckland.....	398	292	133	823
Charlemont.....	261	196	41	498
Colrain.....	319	244	68	631
Conway.....	544	333	94	971
Deerfield.....	1,098	1,021	242	2,361
Erving.....	240	256	40	536
Gill.....	339	271	58	668
Greenfield	3,358	2,459	649	6,466
Hawley.....	65	52	16	133
Heath.....	198	102	38	338
Leverett.....	600	267	79	946
Leyden.....	195	128	29	352
Monroe.....	20	19	3	42
Montague.....	1,625	1,288	271	3,184
New Salem.....	226	207	42	475
Northfield.....	617	549	137	1,303
Orange.....	944	1,048	337	2,329
Rowe.....	92	79	21	192
Shelburne.....	431	338	148	917
Shutesbury.....	628	268	77	973
Sunderland.....	784	451	82	1,317
Warwick.....	159	126	39	324
Wendell.....	284	95	43	422

Westport.....	2,087	3,262	568	5,917	404	319	75	798
TOTALS.....	65,256	83,136	20,987	169,379	14,646	11,024	3,132	28,802
Dukes County								
Aquinnah.....	119	70	25	214	4,339	5,187	1,030	10,556
Chilmark.....	244	238	108	590	221	221	48	490
Edgartown.....	675	833	242	1,750	607	762	101	1,470
Gosnold.....	23	26	10	59	201	223	42	466
Oak Bluffs.....	792	823	336	1,951	7,131	7,428	2,203	16,762
Tisbury.....	707	734	287	1,728	2,449	3,094	594	6,137
West Tisbury.....	646	589	172	1,407	260	293	50	603
TOTALS.....	3,206	3,313	1,180	7,699	5,174	4,272	1,040	10,486
Essex County								
Amesbury.....	2,350	2,934	715	5,999	2,767	3,748	841	7,356
Andover.....	4,871	7,413	1,201	13,485	2,882	3,391	675	6,948
BEVERLY.....	6,050	7,673	1,891	15,614	1,227	1,496	382	3,105
Boxford.....	1,273	2,146	407	3,826	146	195	20	361
Danvers.....	4,150	5,641	744	10,535	1,696	2,192	390	4,278
Essex.....	610	938	188	1,736	249	259	50	558
Georgetown.....	1,275	1,754	375	3,404	1,272	1,656	448	3,376
GLOUCESTER.....	4,138	6,351	1,562	12,051	17,133	12,046	3,467	32,646
Groveland.....	1,114	1,493	307	2,914	50	107	31	188
Hamilton.....	1,386	1,849	352	3,587	260	381	75	716
Haverhill.....	7,226	9,009	1,941	18,176	3,641	4,123	753	8,517
Ipswich.....	2,474	3,104	704	6,282	5,115	5,585	1,709	12,409
LAWRENCE.....	5,998	3,971	2,798	12,767	2,361	3,544	595	6,500
LYNN.....	9,558	8,505	2,601	20,664				
Lynnfield.....	1,872	2,774	726	5,372				
Manchester-by-the-Sea.....	964	1,443	281	2,688				
Marblehead.....	3,584	5,134	1,145	9,863				
Merrimac.....	1,052	1,437	174	2,663				
Methuen.....	5,401	7,249	1,700	14,350				
Middleton.....	1,167	1,964	353	3,484				
Nahant.....	772	907	195	1,874				
Newbury.....	1,180	1,752	440	3,372				
NEWBURYPORT.....	3,151	4,084	960	8,195				
North Andover.....	3,830	5,928	860	10,618				
PEABODY.....	7,979	9,974	2,505	20,458				
Rockport.....	1,338	1,959	437	3,734				
Rowley.....	946	1,422	194	2,562				
SALFORD.....	5,892	6,089	1,885	13,866				

Hampden County

Agawam.....	4,339	5,187	1,030	10,556
Blandford.....	221	221	48	490
Brimfield.....	607	762	101	1,470
Chester.....	201	223	42	466
CHICOPEE.....	7,131	7,428	2,203	16,762
East Longmeadow.....	2,449	3,094	594	6,137
Granville.....	260	293	50	603
Hampden.....	874	1,168	203	2,245
Holland.....	387	417	68	872
HOLYOKE.....	5,174	4,272	1,040	10,486
Longmeadow.....	2,767	3,748	841	7,356
Ludlow.....	2,882	3,391	675	6,948
Monson.....	1,227	1,496	382	3,105
Montgomery.....	146	195	20	361
Palmer.....	1,696	2,192	390	4,278
Russell.....	249	259	50	558
Southwick.....	1,272	1,656	448	3,376
SPRINGFIELD.....	17,133	12,046	3,467	32,646
Tolland.....	50	107	31	188
Wales.....	260	381	75	716
West Springfield.....	3,641	4,123	753	8,517
WESTFIELD.....	5,115	5,585	1,709	12,409
Wilbraham.....	2,361	3,544	595	6,500
TOTALS.....	60,442	61,788	14,815	137,045

Hampshire County

Amherst.....	5,218	2,211	799	8,228
Belchertown.....	2,467	2,153	481	5,101
Chesterfield.....	236	209	41	486
Cummington.....	219	125	49	393
Easthampton.....	3,138	2,746	472	6,356
Goshen.....	225	179	35	439
Granby.....	1,140	1,237	218	2,595
Hadley.....	1,089	998	269	2,356
Hatfield.....	745	825	122	1,692
Huntington.....	365	341	44	750
Middlefield.....	111	86	19	216

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampshire County (Cont.)				
NORTHAMPTON	7,226	3,701	1,129	12,056
Pelham	427	232	56	715
Plainfield	159	95	31	285
South Hadley	3,043	2,960	687	6,690
Southampton	1,015	1,256	243	2,514
Ware	1,376	1,555	296	3,227
Westhampton	410	394	75	879
Williamsburg	691	436	159	1,286
Worthington	330	210	35	575
TOTALS.....	29,630	21,949	5,260	56,839

Middlesex County

Acton	3,604	4,110	997	8,711
Arlington	9,326	8,929	1,956	20,211
Ashby	586	639	121	1,346
Ashland	2,542	3,038	500	6,080
Ayer	1,044	1,164	187	2,395
Bedford	2,232	2,815	663	5,710
Belmont	4,638	5,192	1,209	11,039
Billerica	5,295	7,251	1,145	13,691
Boxborough	876	1,048	167	2,091
Burlington	4,222	4,672	586	9,480
CAMBRIDGE	18,240	9,712	4,668	32,620
Carlisle	1,060	1,336	233	2,629
Chelmsford	5,452	8,079	1,241	14,772
Concord	3,442	4,019	1,012	8,473
Dracut	3,856	5,554	953	10,363
Dunstable	494	761	107	1,362
EVERETT	4,086	3,655	2,073	9,814
Frammingham	8,228	9,536	2,550	20,314
Groton	1,767	2,313	502	4,582
Holliston	2,547	3,347	584	6,478
Hopkinton	2,269	3,148	603	6,020
Hudson	2,744	3,500	729	6,973
Lexington	6,175	6,418	1,553	14,146
Lincoln	1,194	1,213	357	2,764
Littleton	1,633	1,957	292	3,882

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Norfolk County (cont.)				
Dedham	3,881	4,880	1,283	10,044
Dover	857	1,573	319	2,749
Foxborough	2,710	3,706	542	6,958
Franklin	4,625	6,010	913	11,548
Holbrook	1,832	1,930	378	4,140
Medfield	2,124	2,978	539	5,641
Medway	2,102	2,781	333	5,216
Millis	1,509	1,813	249	3,571
Milton	5,007	6,232	1,598	12,837
Needham	5,593	6,978	1,312	13,883
Norfolk	1,486	2,221	325	4,032
Norwood	4,424	5,630	1,185	11,239
Plainville	1,245	1,562	173	2,980
QUINCY	12,485	13,230	3,556	29,271
Randolph	4,726	4,246	1,497	10,469
Sharon	3,218	3,971	629	7,818
Stoughton	4,141	4,804	1,266	10,211
Walpole	3,850	5,493	880	10,223
Wellesley	4,163	6,080	1,198	11,441
Westwood	2,410	3,609	877	6,896
Weymouth	8,948	10,131	1,857	20,936
Wrentham	1,717	2,505	320	4,542
TOTALS.....	106,723	128,098	26,825	261,646

Plymouth County

Abington	2,629	2,907	411	5,947
Bridgewater	3,362	4,227	888	8,477
BROCKTON	10,339	9,129	3,162	22,630
Carver	1,963	2,161	322	4,446
Duxbury	2,522	4,022	647	7,191
East Bridgewater	2,053	2,602	424	5,079
Halifax	1,201	1,590	243	3,034
Hanover	2,405	3,352	501	6,258
Hanson	1,735	2,074	295	4,104
Hingham	3,748	5,579	924	10,251
Hull	1,899	2,228	379	4,506

LOWELL	9,003	9,452	2,893	21,348	2,038	2,597	434	5,069
MALDEN	6,656	5,578	1,905	14,139	1,455	2,070	561	4,086
MARLBOROUGH	4,653	5,864	1,345	11,862	910	1,320	235	2,465
Maynard	1,857	2,128	508	4,493	4,427	5,541	806	10,774
MEDFORD	8,956	8,055	2,673	19,684				
MELROSE	5,109	5,640	1,230	11,979	1,172	1,838	147	3,157
Natick	5,713	6,625	1,363	13,701	3,065	3,706	869	7,640
NEWTON	14,852	14,370	4,596	33,818	1,793	2,671	457	4,921
North Reading	2,300	3,375	536	6,211	2,848	3,695	615	7,158
Pepperell	1,760	2,371	398	4,529	8,778	10,966	1,487	21,231
Reading	3,677	5,518	1,053	10,248	486	748	110	1,344
Sherborn	781	1,206	235	2,222	820	1,278	172	2,270
Shirley	956	1,175	170	2,301	2,713	3,464	478	6,655
SOMERVILLE	12,226	7,186	2,918	22,330	3,371	4,442	853	8,666
Stoneham	3,690	4,571	890	9,151	3,295	3,484	968	7,747
Stow	313	1,166	1,638	3,117	1,205	1,485	175	2,865
Sudbury	2,861	4,134	835	7,830	2,201	2,534	501	5,236
Tewksbury	4,443	6,309	788	11,540				
Townsend	1,300	1,792	298	3,390				
Tyngsborough	1,507	2,310	528	4,345				
Wakefield	4,323	5,787	978	11,088				
WALTHAM	6,933	7,551	2,301	16,785	83,512	52,984	20,624	157,120
Watertown	5,633	4,860	1,646	12,139	2,703	1,706	696	5,105
Wayland	2,543	3,099	807	6,449	5,114	4,964	2,168	12,246
Westford	3,325	5,228	774	9,327	2,800	3,162	882	6,794
Weston	1,758	2,738	631	5,127				
Wilmington	3,295	4,776	766	8,837				
Winchester	3,831	5,259	971	10,061				
WOBURN	5,692	7,230	1,525	14,447				
TOTALS.....	227,498	248,759	62,187	538,444	74,433	91,710	17,064	183,207

Suffolk County

BOSTON	83,512	20,624
CHELSEA	2,703	696
REVERE	5,114	2,168
Winthrop	2,800	882
TOTALS.....	94,129	24,320

Worcester County

Ashburnham	1,094	1,059	223	2,376
Athol	1,389	1,635	247	3,271
Auburn	2,621	3,313	560	6,494
Barre	808	995	197	2,000
Berlin	485	675	116	1,276
Blackstone	1,070	1,694	218	2,982
Bolton	836	1,202	156	2,194
Boylston	750	1,107	126	1,983
Brookfield	499	633	187	1,319
Charlton	1,792	2,286	368	4,446
Clinton	1,997	2,069	497	4,563
Douglas	995	1,530	312	2,837
Dudley	1,353	1,850	233	3,436
East Brookfield	354	421	48	823
FITCHBURG	4,851	4,344	1,221	10,416
GARDNER	2,812	2,722	629	6,163

LOWELL	9,003	9,452	2,893	21,348
MALDEN	6,656	5,578	1,905	14,139
MARLBOROUGH	4,653	5,864	1,345	11,862
Maynard	1,857	2,128	508	4,493
MEDFORD	8,956	8,055	2,673	19,684
MELROSE	5,109	5,640	1,230	11,979
Natick	5,713	6,625	1,363	13,701
NEWTON	14,852	14,370	4,596	33,818
North Reading	2,300	3,375	536	6,211
Pepperell	1,760	2,371	398	4,529
Reading	3,677	5,518	1,053	10,248
Sherborn	781	1,206	235	2,222
Shirley	956	1,175	170	2,301
SOMERVILLE	12,226	7,186	2,918	22,330
Stoneham	3,690	4,571	890	9,151
Stow	313	1,166	1,638	3,117
Sudbury	2,861	4,134	835	7,830
Tewksbury	4,443	6,309	788	11,540
Townsend	1,300	1,792	298	3,390
Tyngsborough	1,507	2,310	528	4,345
Wakefield	4,323	5,787	978	11,088
WALTHAM	6,933	7,551	2,301	16,785
Watertown	5,633	4,860	1,646	12,139
Wayland	2,543	3,099	807	6,449
Westford	3,325	5,228	774	9,327
Weston	1,758	2,738	631	5,127
Wilmington	3,295	4,776	766	8,837
Winchester	3,831	5,259	971	10,061
WOBURN	5,692	7,230	1,525	14,447
TOTALS.....	227,498	248,759	62,187	538,444

Nantucket County

Nantucket	1871	1505	656	4032
TOTALS.....	1871	1505	656	4032

Norfolk County

Avon	775	865	207	1,847
Bellingham	2,374	3,060	490	5,924
Braintree	5,779	7,284	1,375	14,438
Brookline	10,050	7,960	2,146	20,156
Canton	3,461	4,663	886	9,010
Cohasset	1,231	1,903	492	3,626

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County (cont.)				
Grafton.....	2,547	3,287	485	6,319
Hardwick.....	435	527	127	1,089
Harvard.....	1,115	1,434	301	2,850
Holden.....	3,136	4,321	607	8,064
Hopedale.....	953	1,315	349	2,617
Hubbardston.....	799	1,028	96	1,923
Lancaster.....	1,090	1,362	197	2,649
Leicester.....	1,602	2,046	396	4,044
LEOMINSTER.....	6,043	5,969	1,484	13,496
Lunenburg.....	1,648	2,013	639	4,300
Mendon.....	930	1,312	163	2,405
Milford.....	3,427	3,994	1,556	8,977
Millbury.....	1,972	2,227	426	4,625
Millville.....	340	475	163	978
New Braintree.....	173	201	62	436
North Brookfield.....	699	937	159	1,795
Northborough.....	2,336	3,252	583	6,171
Northbridge.....	2,008	2,770	454	5,232
Oakham.....	317	439	63	819
Oxford.....	1,977	2,377	314	4,668
Paxton.....	770	1,098	152	2,020
Petersham.....	279	296	78	653
Phillipston.....	341	315	35	691
Princeton.....	657	934	136	1,727
Royalston.....	219	210	48	477
Rutland.....	1,167	1,667	201	3,035
Shrewsbury.....	4,950	6,891	1,318	13,159
Southborough.....	1,557	2,483	325	4,365
Southbridge.....	2,253	2,379	511	5,143
Spencer.....	1,639	2,060	275	3,974
Sterling.....	1,191	1,871	331	3,393
Sturbridge.....	1,429	2,058	246	3,733
Sutton.....	1,390	2,086	369	3,845
Templeton.....	1,189	1,350	172	2,711
Upton.....	1,141	1,557	209	2,907
Uxbridge.....	1,997	2,646	392	5,035
Warren.....	654	805	203	1,662
Webster.....	1,812	2,216	492	4,520
West Boylston.....	1,216	1,597	272	3,085
West Brookfield.....	627	757	85	1,469
Westborough.....	2,450	3,587	653	6,690
Westminster.....	1,362	1,618	240	3,220
Winchendon.....	1,422	1,396	205	3,023
WORCESTER.....	18,743	17,285	6,240	42,268
TOTALS.....	107,708	127,983	27,150	262,841

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Stoughton 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"), establishes a dedicated funding source to acquire, create and preserve open space and land for recreational use; acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources; create, preserve and support community housing; and to rehabilitate and restore open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created in accordance with the Act. In Stoughton, the Act will be funded, beginning in Fiscal Year 2007, by an additional surcharge of 2% on the annual tax levy on real property and by matching funds provided by the state. The following exemptions from such surcharge, permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act, will apply: (1) 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; (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 must be created pursuant to by-law and will make recommendations on the use of the funds. Town Meeting must approve any such recommendation before funds can be expended. All expenditures pursuant to the Act will be subject to an annual audit.

In the Town of Stoughton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Norfolk County				
Stoughton	3,791	5,142	1,278	10,211
TOTALS.....	3,791	5,142	1,278	10,211

QUESTION 4

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

In the County of Dukes

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Aquinnah	158	36	20	214
Chilmark.....	402	97	91	590
Edgartown.....	1,093	410	247	1,750
Gosnold	28	25	6	59
Oak Bluffs	1,167	424	360	1,951
Tisbury.....	1,038	393	297	1,728
West Tisbury	940	299	168	1,407
TOTALS.....	4,826	1,684	1,189	7,699

QUESTION 4 OR 5

Shall the Town of Ayer approve the submission to the Commonwealth of the joint study and report on the permanent government structure for the ongoing operation and administration of the Devens Regional Enterprise Zone recommending "scenario 2B," including proposed legislation which, if enacted, would (1) create a new town of Devens, (2) return jurisdiction over portions of the Devens Regional Enterprise Zone to the towns of Ayer, Harvard and Shirley, (3) modify the composition of the Devens Enterprise Commission, and (4) put revised versions of the Devens Zoning bylaw and reuse plan into effect?

This will be question 4 in Ayer. This will be question 5 in Harvard. This will be question 4 in Shirley.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
Ayer	1,116	1,096	183	2,395
TOTALS	1,116	1,096	183	2,395

QUESTION 4

Shall the town of Weston 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 purchase the fee or other interest in all or a portion of 62.53 acres of land commonly known as the "Case Estates property," which is located generally on Wellesley and Ash Streets, and designated as Assessors' Map 32, Parcels 22-1, 22-30, 22-40, 22-50, 22-60, and 23-1?
In the Town of Weston

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
Shirley	1,300	840	161	2,301
TOTALS.....	1,300	840	161	2,301

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Harvard	1,219	1,517	114	2,850
TOTALS.....	1,219	1,517	114	2,850

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
Weston	3,963	921	243	5,127
TOTALS.....	3,963	921	243	5,127

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Wrentham 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 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 Wrentham, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by an additional tax levy of two percent (2%) on the annual tax levy assessed on real property and by matching funds provided by the state. 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 of Wrentham, as defined by Section 2 of said Act and (2) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. Any other taxpayer receiving an exemption of real property authorized by Chapter 59 of the General Laws shall be exempt from this Act.

A Community Preservation Committee composed of local citizens has been established by by-law at the Special Town Meeting of November 14, 2005 to make recommendations on the use of the funds to the town meeting and all expenditures will be subject to an annual audit.

In the Town of Wrentham

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Norfolk County				
Wrentham.....	2,085	2,316	141	4,542
TOTALS.....	2,085	2,316	141	4,542

and, affordable housing. The Act also limits the appropriation for administration and operating expenses of the Committee to no more than 5% of the annual revenues of the fund.

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

In the Town of Hatfield

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampshire County				
Hatfield.....	923	652	117	1,692
TOTALS.....	923	652	117	1,692

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts revoke acceptance of sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of chapter 44B of the General Laws, voted upon and adopted at The Annual Town Election of the town of Hingham held on April 28, 2001?

Summary

Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of 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 wooded areas and other open space from future development, acquire, restore and preserve historic properties, and create affordable housing. In Hingham, the Community Preservation Act would be funded by a surcharge of 1.5% on annual real estate taxes and by annual distributions made by the State from a trust fund created by the Act. Exemptions would apply in Hingham for \$100,000 of the assessed value of each taxable parcel of residential real property, and for property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low moderate income senior housing. Usual property tax exemptions also would apply to the surcharge.

The rescinded surcharge rate and exemptions would apply immediately or as allowed by law whichever is earliest. A "yes" vote will remove the Community Preservation Act in Hingham. A "no" vote will keep the Community Preservation Act in Hingham.

In the Town of Hingham

Shall the Town of Hatfield accept sections 3 to 7, inclusive of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body at the Annual Town Meeting on May 9, 2006, a summary of which appears below?

Summary

Sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, otherwise known as the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act, allows communities to establish a local, dedicated funding source to protect open space; offer affordable housing opportunities; preserve historic buildings and sites; and, create recreational facilities. The Community Preservation Act would enable Hatfield to protect open space lands, including farm and forest lands, public drinking watershed areas and natural areas; acquire, rehabilitate and restore historic buildings and sites, including those owned by the Town; offer and support affordable housing opportunities, including the expansion or improvement of existing community housing centers; and, create, restore and maintain recreational facilities, including parks, playing fields and courts, trails and playgrounds.

In Hatfield, the funding source for the Community Preservation Act shall be a surcharge on real property of 3.0% of the annual real estate tax levy against real property; and in addition the Town of Hatfield hereby accepts the following exemptions from such a surcharge permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act: (1) any property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town of Hatfield, as defined in Section 2 of said Act, would be exempt from surcharge; and, (2) \$100,000 of the value of each and every taxable parcel of residential real property would be exempt from the surcharge.

In addition, the Act provides for a State Community Preservation Trust Fund from which disbursements are to be made each year, but only to the Towns and Cities, which have accepted the Community Preservation Act.

A Hatfield Community Preservation Committee will be established to study potential uses of the funds and make recommendations to Town Meeting. All uses of the funds will be presented for Town Meeting approval. At least 10% of the funds for each fiscal year will be spent or reserved for later use on each of the Act's three primary purposes: open space; historic resources;

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Plymouth County				
Hingham	2,784	6,992	475	10,251
TOTALS	2,784	6,992	475	10,251

QUESTION 4

Shall the town of Holliston 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 remodel, renovate, reconstruct and expand the Police Station, including costs for engineering or architectural service?

In the Town of Holliston

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
Holliston	3,444	2,826	208	6,478
TOTALS	3,444	2,826	208	6,478

QUESTION 4

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

Summary

Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act ("Act"), establishes a dedicated funding source to acquire, create and preserve open space and land for recreational use; acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources; create, preserve, and support community housing; and to rehabilitate and restore open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created in accordance with the Act. In Hubbardston, the Act will be funded by an additional surcharge of one and one-half percent (1 1/2%) on the annual tax levy on real property and by matching funds provided by the state. The following exemptions from such surcharge, permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act, will apply: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Lenox 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

Acceptance of Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act (the "Act"), would establish a dedicated funding source to enable the Town of Lenox to:

- (1) create affordable housing;
- (2) acquire and restore historic buildings and sites;
- and (3) 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.

In the Town of Lenox, the funding source for these community preservation purposes would be a surcharge 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 would be exempt from the surcharge: (1) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential 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 in Section 2 of said Act. The surcharge, on that portion not exempted, would be three percent (3%) on the annual property tax on real property. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption would also receive a pro rata reduction in the surcharge.

If the Act is accepted, a Community Preservation Committee would be established by a Town bylaw to study community preservation resources, possibilities and needs and to make annual recommendations to Town Meeting on spending the funds. At least 10 percent of the funds for each fiscal year would be spent or reserved for later spending on each of the Act's three community preservation purposes: (1) affordable housing (2) historic resources, and (3) open space (excluding land for recreational use).

If a majority of the voters voting on said question vote in the affirmative, then its provisions shall take effect in the Town, but not otherwise.

In the Town of Lenox

low or moderate income senior housing in the Town; and (2) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in surcharge. A Community Preservation Committee must be created pursuant to by-law and will make recommendations on the use of the funds. Town meeting must approve any such recommendation before funds can be expended. All expenditures pursuant to the Act will be subject to an annual audit.

In the Town of Hubbardston

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Hubbardston.....	980	865	78	1,923
TOTALS.....	980	865	78	1,923

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

As part of the legal process for the town to accept the Community Preservation Act, it must, in addition to the vote at the recent annual town meeting, also vote at an election to accept Sections 3 to 7 of G.L. c. 44B, commonly called the Community Preservation Act (CPA). This act, if accepted by a majority of the voters at this election, provides a funding source for the town to (1) acquire open space (defined as including but not limited to "land to protect existing and future well fields, aquifers and recharge areas, watershed land, agricultural land, grasslands, fields, forest land, fresh and salt water marshes and other wetlands, ocean, river, stream, lake and pond frontage, beaches, dunes, and other coastal lands; lands to protect scenic vistas, and for wildlife or nature preserves and land for recreational use"); (2) acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources (defined as "a building, a structure, vessel or real property that is listed or eligible for listing on the state register of historic places or has been determined by the local historic preservation commission to be significant in the history, archeology, architecture or culture of a city or town"); (3) acquire, create and preserve land for recreational use (defined as "active or passive recreational use including, but not limited to, the use of land for community gardens, trails

Berkshire County	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Lenox	1,108	1,099	218	2,425
TOTALS.....	1,108	1,099	218	2,425

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Mattapoissett 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"), establishes a dedicated funding source to acquire, create and preserve open space and land for recreational use; acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources; create, preserve and support community housing; and to rehabilitate and restore open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created in accordance with the Act. In Mattapoissett, the Act will be funded, beginning in Fiscal Year 2007, by an additional surcharge of 1% on the annual tax levy on real property and by matching funds provided by the state. The following exemption from such surcharge, permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act, will apply: \$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 must be created pursuant to by-law and will make recommendations on the use of the funds. Town Meeting must approve any such recommendation before funds can be expended. All expenditures pursuant to the Act will be subject to an annual audit.

In the Town of Mattapoissett

Plymouth County	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Mattapoissett	1,654	1,430	73	3,157
TOTALS.....	1,654	1,430	73	3,157

any noncommercial youth and adult sports and the use of land as a park, playground or athletic field. "Recreational use" shall not include horse or dog racing or the use of land for a stadium, gymnasium or similar structure"; (4) create, preserve and support community housing (defined as "low or moderate income housing for individuals and families, including low or moderate income senior housing") and/or (5) rehabilitate or restore open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created as provided for under this law. As proposed by the motion adopted at town meeting, the funding source for these activities will include a surcharge of three (3) percent of the real estate tax levy against real property beginning with the next fiscal year following adoption of the law and annual distributions from a state trust fund created by the law which is funded primarily from surcharges on fees for documents recorded with the Registry of Deeds or Land Court Registry District. As proposed by the motion adopted by town meeting the following exemptions would apply: the first \$100,000.00 of real property value for all property owners, 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 Hull, as defined by the law. A taxpayer who receives a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in the surcharge. A Community Preservation Committee would be created by a bylaw to study community preservation needs and make recommendations to the town meeting for spending the funds. At least 10% of the funds for each fiscal year will be spent or reserved for future spending for open space (excluding recreational use land), historic resources and for community housing.

A "yes" vote is a vote to accept the CPA.

A "no" vote is a vote not to accept the CPA.

In the Town of Hull

Plymouth County	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hull	1,465	2,577	464	4,506
TOTALS.....	1,465	2,577	464	4,506

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Monson 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 the Town of Monson, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by an additional excise of Three Percent (3%) on the annual tax levy on real property commencing in fiscal year 2008 and by matching funds provided by the state. The first \$100,000.00 of assessed value of all class one residential parcels and property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or low and moderate income senior housing in the community shall be exempt from this act. Any other taxpayer receiving an 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 and all expenditures will be subject to town meeting approval and to an annual audit.

In the Town of Monson

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampden County				
Monson	1,479	1,284	342	3,105
TOTALS.....	1,479	1,284	342	3,105

QUESTION 4

4. Shall the town of Millbury 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 rehabilitate, improve and expand the Police Station located at 127 Elm Street, Millbury?

In the Town of Millbury

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Millbury	1,351	2,754	520	4,625
TOTALS.....	1,351	2,754	520	4,625

QUESTION 5

Shall the town of Millbury 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 demolish the existing building, and rebuild, expand and improve the Fire Station #1 located at 126 Elm Street, Millbury?

In the Town of Millbury

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Millbury	1,392	2,737	496	4,625
TOTALS.....	1,392	2,737	496	4,625

Shall the Town of Millis 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"), establishes a dedicated funding source to acquire, create and preserve open space and land for recreational use; acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources; create, preserve and support community housing; and to rehabilitate and restore the open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created in accordance with the Act. In Millis, the Act will be funded, beginning in Fiscal Year 2008, by an additional surcharge of 1% on the annual tax levy on real property and by matching funds provided by the state. The following exemptions from such surcharge, permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act, will apply: (1) 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; (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 must be created pursuant to by-law and will make recommendations on the use of the funds. Town Meeting must approve any such recommendation before funds can be expended. All expenditures pursuant to the Act will be subject to an annual audit.

In the Town of Millis

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Norfolk County				
Millis.....	1,839	1,407	325	3,571
TOTALS.....	1,839	1,407	325	3,571

Shall the Town of Monson 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 the Town of Monson, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by an additional excise of Three Percent (3%) on the annual tax levy on real property commencing in fiscal year 2008 and by matching funds provided by the state. The first \$100,000.00 of assessed value of all class one residential parcels and property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or low and moderate income senior housing in the community shall be exempt from this act. Any other taxpayer receiving an 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 and all expenditures will be subject to town meeting approval and to an annual audit.

In the Town of Monson

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampden County				
Monson.....	1,479	1,284	342	3,105
TOTALS.....	1,479	1,284	342	3,105