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**QUESTION 4**

Shall the Town of Milton 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 44 of the General Laws, also known as the Community Preservation Act (the 'Act'), establish a dedicated funding source to enable cities and towns to acquire, create and preserve open space; to acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources; to acquire, create and preserve land for recreational use; to acquire, create, preserve and support community housing; to rehabilitate or restore open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created as provided in the Act; and to set aside for later spending funds for specific purposes or general purposes that are consistent with community preservation.

There would be a surcharge on real property of one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the real estate tax levy against real property, as determined annually by the Board of Assessors. There would be two (2) exemptions from such surcharge: (1) for property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing, as defined in Section 2 of the Act, in the Town of Milton; and (2) for one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property in the Town of Milton. A taxpayer receiving an exemption of real property authorized by law shall be exempt from any surcharge on real property established by the Act. The surcharge to be paid by a taxpayer receiving an abatement of real property authorized by law shall be reduced in proportion to the amount of such abatement.

Any amount of the surcharge not paid by the due date shall bear interest at the annual rate provided by applicable law. The remedies provided by law for the collection of taxes upon real estate shall apply to said surcharge on real property.

A Community Preservation Committee, consisting of not less than five (5) and not more than nine (9) members, would be established by by-law. The Committee shall study the needs, possibilities and resources of the Town of Milton regarding community preservation, shall consult with Milton boards in conducting such studies, shall hold one or more public informational meetings, and shall make recommendations to Town Meeting for any of the foregoing community preservation purposes, including their anticipated costs.

The funding source for the foregoing community preservation purposes would be a Community Preservation Fund, of which the Town Treasurer would be the custodian. The following monies would be deposited into that Fund: a) all funds collected from the real property surcharge or bond proceeds in

**QUESTION 4**

Shall the City of Somerville 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**

The Community Preservation Act (hereinafter 'the Act') establishes a dedicated funding source to enable cities and towns to: (1) acquire, create and preserve open space, including land for parks, recreational uses and conservation areas; (2) acquire, preserve, rehabilitate, and restore historic resources, such as historic community buildings and artifacts; (3) acquire, create, preserve, rehabilitate and restore land for recreational use, including parks, playgrounds and athletic fields; (4) acquire, create, preserve and support community housing to help meet local families' housing needs; and (5) rehabilitate or restore open space and community housing that is acquired or created as provided in this section.

In the City of Somerville, the funding source for these community preservation purposes will be a surcharge of 1.5% on the annual property tax assessed on real property beginning in Fiscal Year 2014, other local funds committed by the Board of Aldermen for community preservation purposes subject to the limitations in Section 3(b)1/2 of Chapter 44B, and annual distributions made by the state from a trust fund created by the Act. The Commonwealth provides these funds only to communities adopting the Act. If approved, the following will be exempt from the surcharge: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in Somerville as defined in Section 2 of the Act; (2) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property; and (3) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of class 3, commercial property and class 4, industrial property as defined in Section 2A of Chapter 59. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in the surcharge.

Upon acceptance of the Act by the voters, a Community Preservation Committee will be established by ordinance to study community preservation needs, possibilities and resources, and to make annual recommendations to the Board of Aldermen for approval on spending the funds. At least 10% of the funds for each fiscal year will be spent or reserved for later spending on each of the Act's three community preservation purposes: (1) open space, (2) historic resources and (3) community housing.

**In the City of Somerville**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County	24,616	7,742	3,132	35,490
SOMERVILLE.....	<b>24,616</b>	<b>7,742</b>	<b>3,132</b>	<b>35,490</b>
<b>TOTALS.....</b>				

Shall the Town of Canton accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, 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 farm land and forests from future development, restore and preserve historic properties, and help meet local families' housing needs.

In Canton, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by an additional excise of 1% on the annual tax levy on real property to be assessed beginning in fiscal year 2014, and by annual distributions provided by the state. The following exemptions from such surcharge, permitted under Section 3(e) of the Act, will apply: (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 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 will make annual recommendations on the use of the funds. The Town Meeting must approve any such recommendation before funds can be expended, and 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. All expenditures pursuant to the Act will be subject to an annual audit.

**In the Town of Canton**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Essex County</b>				
Canton .....	6,540	5,033	898	12,471
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>6,540</b>	<b>5,033</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>12,471</b>

anticipation of revenue pursuant to the Act; b) all funds received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or any other source for the purposes of the Act; and c) proceeds from the disposal of real property acquired with funds from the Community Preservation Fund. Only Town Meeting may approve expenditures from the Community Preservation Fund. The expenditure of funds from the Community Preservation Fund shall be limited to implementing the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee, to providing administrative and operating expenses to that Committee, and to appropriating money to an affordable housing trust fund.

In every fiscal year, and upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, Town Meeting shall spend, or set aside for later spending, not less than ten (10%) percent of the annual revenues in the Community Preservation Fund: for open space, but not including land for recreational use, not less than ten (10%) percent of the annual revenues in the Community Preservation Fund for historic resources, and not less than ten (10%) percent of the annual revenues in the Community Preservation Fund for community housing. Appropriations in any fiscal year from the Community Preservation Fund for administrative and operating expenses of the Community Preservation Committee shall not exceed five (5%) percent of the annual revenues in that Fund. Funds spent from the Community Preservation Fund shall not replace existing operating funds, only augment them. The Town of Milton may appropriate money in any year from the Community Preservation Fund to an affordable housing trust fund.

**In the Town of Milton**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Norfolk County</b>				
Milton .....	6,487	8,272	1,208	15,967
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>6,487</b>	<b>8,272</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>15,967</b>

## QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Kingston vote to amend its previous acceptance of sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, said amendment being approved under Article 8 of the Kingston June 26, 2012 Special Town Meeting?

### SUMMARY

This Question involves an amendment to the Town's prior acceptance of Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act ("Act"), by decreasing the surcharge imposed on real property from three percent (3%) to one percent (1%) of the annual tax levy thereon, as determined by the Kingston Board of Assessors.

The Act, as accepted by the Town, 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. The following exemptions from the surcharge, permitted under Section 3(e) of the 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 senior income 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 has been created pursuant to bylaw and will make recommendations on the use of funds. Town Meeting must approve any such recommendation before funds can be expended. All expenditures will be subject to an annual audit.

As approved by the voters at the 2005 Annual Town Election, the surcharge was initially fixed at three percent (3%) of the annual tax levy assessed on real property. By vote under Article 8 of the June 26, 2012 Special Town Meeting, the Town's legislative body voted to decrease the surcharge to one percent (1%) of the annual tax levy assessed on real property, effective July 1, 2013, subject to an affirmative majority vote of the Town at the next complying State or Town Election.

By voting yes, the reduction in the surcharge shall become effective, as aforesaid.

## QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of West Springfield amend its acceptance of the Community Preservation Act by adopting exemption (4) of Chapter 44B of the General Laws which would exempt the first \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of class 3, commercial property, and class 4, industrial property as defined in section 2A of Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as approved by its legislative body?

### SUMMARY

Currently, 100% of the value of commercial and industrial real estate in West Springfield is subject to a Community Preservation Act surcharge of one percent (1%) of its taxable value, while residential properties receive an exemption for the first \$100,000 of their property value. This amendment, if adopted, would in a similar manner exempt the first \$100,000 of commercial and industrial property value.

The adoption of the amendment would exempt the first \$100,000 of value of each such commercial and industrial property from the surcharge. For example, a commercial or industrial property valued at \$250,000 would pay a surcharge Based on \$150,000 rather than \$250,000 of its taxable value.

### In the Town of West Springfield

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Hampden County</b>				
West Springfield.....	5,094	4,780	1,721	11,595
<b>Grand Total .....</b>	<b>5,094</b>	<b>4,780</b>	<b>1,721</b>	<b>11,595</b>

# QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Westhampton 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

The Community Preservation Act establishes a dedicated funding source to acquire, create, preserve and rehabilitate 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 and community housing that is acquired or created in accordance with the Act. In Westhampton, the Act will be funded, beginning in Fiscal Year 2014, by an additional surcharge of three percent (3%) 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) low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town; and (2) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. 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 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 Westhampton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Hampshire County</b>				
Westhampton .....	464	540	60	1,064
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>1,064</b>

### In the Town of Kingston

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Hampden County</b>				
Kingston .....	4,767	1,562	677	7,006
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>4,767</b>	<b>1,562</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>7,006</b>

### QUESTION 4

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 purchase the former St. Michael's Church property to be used as the future site of the Tatt Public Library and for other compatible public purposes.

#### In the Town of Mendon

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Worcester County</b>				
Mendon .....	1,988	1,310	140	3,438
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>1,988</b>	<b>1,310</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>3,438</b>

### QUESTION 5

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 renovate and equip the former St. Michael's Church property including other site improvements incidental or directly related thereto, to be used for the Tatt Public Library and for other compatible public purposes.

#### In the Town of Mendon

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Worcester County</b>				
Mendon .....	1,852	1,440	146	3,438
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>1,852</b>	<b>1,440</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>3,438</b>

### QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Granby cease assessing the excise imposed under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 8A on certain animals, machinery and equipment owned by individuals and non-corporate entities principally engaged in agriculture?

#### In the Town of Granby

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Hampshire County</b>				
Granby .....	2,091	1,050	390	3,531
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>2,091</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>3,531</b>

### QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of West Newbury be required to reduce the amount of real estate and personal property taxes to be assessed for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and twelve by an amount equal to \$180,000.00?

#### In the Town of West Newbury

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Essex County</b>				
West Newbury .....	1,950	572	275	2,797
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>1,950</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>2,797</b>

**QUESTION 4**

Shall the Town of Ware 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 improvements at the wastewater treatment plant in order to improve the quality of discharge from the plant?

**In the Town of Ware**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Hampshire County</b>				
Ware.....	2,033	1,732	536	4,301
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>2,033</b>	<b>1,732</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>4,301</b>

**QUESTION 4**

Shall the Town of Dalton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds or notes issued in order to pay for capital improvements at the Town Hall consisting of converting the heating system to natural gas, installing insulation above the Town Hall offices, installing an air conditioning unit in the Crane Meeting Room, including borrowing costs associated with said project and all other costs incidental or relation thereto?

**In the Town of Dalton**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Berkshire County</b>				
Dalton.....	1,453	1,613	351	3,417
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>1,453</b>	<b>1,613</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>3,417</b>

**QUESTION 4**

Shall the City of Easthampton be allowed to assess an additional \$1,407,456.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of increasing funding of the school department and operating budget for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and twelve?

**In the City of Easthampton**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Hampshire County</b>				
Easthampton.....	3,880	4,816	383	9,079
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>3,880</b>	<b>4,816</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>9,079</b>

**QUESTION 4**

Shall the Town of Dudley be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to purchase a ladder truck for the fire department?

**In the Town of Dudley**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Worcester County</b>				
Dudley.....	2,846	1,977	295	5,118
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>2,846</b>	<b>1,977</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>5,118</b>

**QUESTION 4**

Shall the Town of Georgetown 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 finance the design, construction and original equipping of a new elementary school building, including costs incidental or related thereto?

**In the Town of Georgetown**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Essex County</b>				
Georgetown.....	2,434	2,255	258	4,947
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>2,434</b>	<b>2,255</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>4,947</b>

**QUESTION 4**

Shall the Town of Lincoln be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay the Town's allocable share of the bonds issued for the purpose of paying costs of designing, renovating, rebuilding, equipping, and furnishing the Lincoln School, located on Ballfield Road, Lincoln, including payment of costs incidental or related thereto?

**In the Town of Lincoln**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Middlesex County</b>				
Lincoln.....	1,768	1,568	414	3,750
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>1,768</b>	<b>1,568</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>3,750</b>

**QUESTION 5**

Shall the Town of Dalton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds or notes issued in order to pay for Highway Department capital equipment consisting of a small excavator, a ½ ton pick-up and related equipment, including borrowing costs associated with said project and all other costs incidental or related thereto?

**In the Town of Dalton**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Berkshire County</b>				
Dalton.....	1,437	1,601	379	3,417
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>1,437</b>	<b>1,601</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>3,417</b>

**QUESTION 6**

Shall the Town of Dalton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds or notes issued in order to pay for Police Department capital equipment consisting of a Police cruiser and related equipment including borrowing costs associated with said project and all other costs incidental or related thereto?

**In the Town of Dalton**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Berkshire County</b>				
Dalton.....	1,482	1,560	375	3,417
<b>TOTALS</b> .....	<b>1,482</b>	<b>1,560</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>3,417</b>



**QUESTION 4**

Shall the Town of Newbury be allowed to assess an additional \$293,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the following expenses: General Government, Town Hall Administration Salary and Wages (\$30,000), Public Safety, Police (\$100,000), Public Safety, Fire (\$100,000), Public Works Department, Salary and Wages (\$29,000) and Culture and Recreation, Library Salary and Wages (\$34,000) for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and twelve?

**In the Town of Newbury**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County	2,038	2,302	141	4,481
NEWBURY	2,038	2,302	141	4,481
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,038</b>	<b>2,302</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>4,481</b>

**QUESTION 4**

Shall the Town of Bernardston be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to purchase a new truck for the Highway Department?

**In the Town of Bernardston**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Franklin County	723	317	141	1,181
Bernardston	723	317	141	1,181
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>1,181</b>

**QUESTION 5**

Shall the Town of Dudley be allowed to assess an additional \$500,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the following departmental expenses: Police Department (\$31,000), Fire Department (\$34,000), Highway Department (\$35,000), Treasurer (\$32,000), Veterans Services (\$28,000), Vocational Education (\$45,000), Buildings & Grounds (\$10,000), Library (\$10,000), Municipal Services (\$15,000), Town Clerk (\$5,000), Finance Appropriation Advisory Committee (\$5,000) and the Dudley Chariton Regional School District (\$250,000), for the fiscal year beginning July first two thousand and twelve?

**In the Town of Dudley**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County	2,150	2,749	219	5,118
Dudley	2,150	2,749	219	5,118
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>2,749</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>5,118</b>

**QUESTION 5**

Shall the Town of Bernardston 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 replace the roof at the Bernardston Elementary School?

**In the Town of Bernardston**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Franklin County	849	188	144	1,181
Bernardston	849	188	144	1,181
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>1,181</b>

### QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay the Town's allocable share of the bond issued by the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District for the purpose of replacing the roof at the Cutler Elementary School, located at 237 Asbury Street, in Hamilton, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto?

**In the Town of Wenham**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Essex County</b>				
Wenham.....	1,408	743	222	2,373
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>1,408</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>2,373</b>

### QUESTION #5

Shall the Town of Wenham be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay the Town's allocable share of the bond issued by the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District for the purpose of paying costs of replacing the Winthrop School roof, replacing the windows at the Cutler and Buker Schools, and installing insulation and a fire suppression system at the Buker School and completing other repair and reconstruction projects in all buildings of the HWRSD, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto?

**In the Town of Wenham**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Essex County</b>				
Wenham.....	1,408	748	217	2,373
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>1,408</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>2,373</b>

### QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Bourne be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay for the costs of planning, constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a public works facility and ancillary space on Town owned land, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto?

**In the Town of Bourne**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Barnstable County</b>				
Bourne.....	4,210	4,765	1,299	10,274
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>4,210</b>	<b>4,765</b>	<b>1,299</b>	<b>10,274</b>

### QUESTION 4

Shall the license commission be authorized to grant licenses for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises in restaurants having seating capacities of not less than 50 seats; provided, however, that not more than 8 such licenses or such amount as allowed under section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws shall be in effect?

**In the Town of Woburn**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Middlesex County</b>				
WOBURN.....	12,235	4,344	2,907	19,486
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>12,235</b>	<b>4,344</b>	<b>2,907</b>	<b>19,486</b>

### QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Hamilton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay the Town's allocable share of the bond issued by the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District for the purpose of paying costs of replacing the roof at the Cutler Elementary School, located at 237 Asbury Street, in Hamilton, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto?

**In the Town of Hamilton**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Essex County</b>				
Hamilton.....	2,560	1,537	432	4,529
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>2,560</b>	<b>1,537</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>4,529</b>

### QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Hamilton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay the Town's allocable share of the bond issued by the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District for the purpose of paying costs of replacing the Winthrop School roof, replacing the windows at the Cutler and Buker Schools, and installing insulation and a fire suppression system at the Buker School and completing other repair and reconstruction projects in all buildings of the HWRSD, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto?

**In the Town of Hamilton**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Essex County</b>				
Hamilton.....	2,548	1,569	412	4,529
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>2,548</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>4,529</b>

**QUESTION 4, 5, 6 OR, 7  
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING**

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of a resolution calling upon Congress to propose an amendment to the U.S. constitution affirming that (1) corporations are not entitled to the constitutional rights of human beings, and (2) both Congress and the states may place limits on political contributions and political spending?

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket District</b>				
Aquinnah.....	227	40		299
Chilmark.....	551	113		738
Edgartown.....	1,654	518		2,584
Falmouth.....	6,224	1,547		9,287
Gosnold.....	67	16		87
Nantucket.....	3,899	1,098		6,145
Oak Bluffs.....	1,766	428		2,808
Tisbury.....	1,742	380		2,523
West Tisbury.....	1,475	230		1,990
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>17,605</b>	<b>4,174</b>	<b>4,682</b>	<b>26,461</b>
<b>3rd Barnstable District</b>				
Bourne.....	3,201	1,628	710	5,539
Falmouth.....	1,973	1,802	1,802	10,356
Mashpee.....	5,048	1,714	1,580	8,342
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>14,830</b>	<b>5,315</b>	<b>4,092</b>	<b>24,237</b>
<b>1st Essex District</b>				
Amesbury.....	10,928	3,378	2,740	17,046
NEWBURYPORT.....	13,461	4,725	3,940	22,126
Salisbury.....	5,395	1,783	1,450	8,628
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>29,784</b>	<b>9,886</b>	<b>8,130</b>	<b>47,800</b>
<b>2nd Essex District</b>				
Boxford.....	3,808	2,108	1,008	6,924
Georgetown.....	6,054	2,548	1,292	9,894
Groveland.....	4,786	1,923	1,295	8,004
HAVERTHILL.....	3,813	1,389	1,389	6,584
Merrimac.....	4,437	1,518	1,253	7,208
Newbury.....	5,826	2,116	1,020	8,962
West Newbury.....	3,539	1,304	751	5,594
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>32,263</b>	<b>12,899</b>	<b>8,008</b>	<b>53,170</b>

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>12th Middlesex District</b>				
NEWTON.....	13,721	3,136	4,364	21,221
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>13,721</b>	<b>3,136</b>	<b>4,364</b>	<b>21,221</b>
<b>15th Middlesex District</b>				
Lexington.....	12,237	2,654	3,548	18,439
WOBURN.....	3,311	1,248	1,360	5,919
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>15,548</b>	<b>3,902</b>	<b>4,908</b>	<b>24,358</b>
<b>23rd Middlesex District</b>				
Arlington.....	13,610	2,898	3,062	19,570
MEDFORD.....	3,819	1,051	1,357	6,227
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>17,429</b>	<b>3,949</b>	<b>4,419</b>	<b>25,797</b>
<b>24th Middlesex District</b>				
Arlington.....	4,905	848	930	6,683
Belmont.....	8,990	2,466	2,934	14,390
CAMBRIDGE.....	1,781	436	770	2,977
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>15,676</b>	<b>3,740</b>	<b>4,634</b>	<b>24,050</b>
<b>25th Middlesex District</b>				
CAMBRIDGE.....	14,213	2,000	3,037	19,250
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>14,213</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>3,037</b>	<b>19,250</b>
<b>26th Middlesex District</b>				
Arlington.....	13,610	2,898	3,062	19,570
MEDFORD.....	3,819	1,051	1,357	6,227
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>17,429</b>	<b>3,949</b>	<b>4,419</b>	<b>25,797</b>
<b>27th Middlesex District</b>				
SOMERVILLE.....	15,392	2,633	2,760	20,785
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>15,392</b>	<b>2,633</b>	<b>2,760</b>	<b>20,785</b>
<b>29th Middlesex District</b>				
CAMBRIDGE.....	6,927	1,093	1,726	9,746
Watertown.....	8,261	1,882	2,500	12,643
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>15,188</b>	<b>2,975</b>	<b>4,226</b>	<b>22,389</b>

<b>3rd Essex District</b>			
Haverhill	10,411	3,817	17,879
TOTALS	10,411	3,817	17,879
<b>4th Essex District</b>			
Hamilton	3,007	942	4,529
Ipswich	5,477	1,652	8,413
Manchester-by-Sea	2,374	704	3,543
Rowley	2,356	753	3,594
Topsfield	2,403	853	4,092
Wenham	1,541	539	2,373
TOTALS	17,158	5,473	26,544
<b>5th Essex District</b>			
Essex	1,202	586	2,180
GLOUCESTER	8,847	4,459	15,689
Rockport	3,138	734	4,774
TOTALS	13,187	5,779	22,643
<b>6th Essex District</b>			
BEVERLY	13,451	4,099	21,020
TOTALS	13,451	4,099	21,020
<b>7th Essex District</b>			
SALEM	12,818	4,110	19,847
TOTALS	12,818	4,110	19,847
<b>8th Essex District</b>			
LYNN	1,531	499	2,438
Marblehead	8,199	2,438	12,704
Swampscott	5,269	1,647	8,300
TOTALS	14,999	4,321	23,442
<b>11th Essex District</b>			
LYNN	6,701	2,906	12,025
Nahant	1,615	371	2,320
TOTALS	8,316	3,277	14,345
<b>15th Essex District</b>			
HAVERHILL	3,312	1,125	5,572
Methuen	8,424	3,023	15,072
TOTALS	11,736	4,750	20,644
<b>11th Middlesex District</b>			
NEWTON	13,888	3,048	21,297
TOTALS	13,888	3,048	21,297
<b>32nd Middlesex District</b>			
MALDEN	1,003	315	1,779
MELROSE	9,698	2,496	3,446
Wakefield	3,897	1,084	1,502
TOTALS	14,598	3,895	23,895
<b>34th Middlesex District</b>			
MEDFORD	5,779	1,557	1,741
SOMERVILLE	6,510	1,501	1,654
TOTALS	12,289	3,058	3,395
<b>13th Norfolk District</b>			
Dover	2,017	875	701
Medfield	2,129	788	3,661
Needham	10,773	3,042	3,611
TOTALS	14,919	4,705	5,056
<b>15th Norfolk District</b>			
Brookline	13,941	2,418	3,312
TOTALS	13,941	2,418	3,312
<b>3rd Suffolk District</b>			
BOSTON	11,466	3,010	3,667
TOTALS	11,466	3,010	3,667
<b>4th Suffolk District</b>			
BOSTON	11,122	3,699	4,005
TOTALS	11,122	3,699	4,005
<b>8th Suffolk District</b>			
BOSTON	7,929	2,562	2,799
CAMBRIDGE	4,589	786	1,057
TOTALS	12,518	3,348	3,856
<b>11th Suffolk District</b>			
BOSTON	12,375	2,859	3,497
TOTALS	12,375	2,859	3,497
<b>15th Suffolk District</b>			
BOSTON	11,196	2,263	3,070
Brookline	1,379	226	352
TOTALS	12,575	2,489	3,422

**QUESTION 4, 5, 6 OR 7  
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING**

Shall the state senator from this district be instructed to vote in favor of a resolution calling upon Congress to propose an amendment to the U.S. constitution affirming that (1) corporations are not entitled to the constitutional rights of human beings, and (2) both Congress and the states may place limits on political contributions and political spending?

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden Senate District</b>				
Adams.....	2,564	718	649	3,931
Alford.....	202	39	65	306
Ashfield.....	851	101	178	1,130
Becket.....	682	168	115	975
Blandford.....	365	161	141	667
Buckland.....	789	139	127	1,055
Charlemont.....	454	95	94	643
Cheshire.....	1,033	327	401	1,761
Chester.....	376	146	145	667
Chesterfield.....	475	112	136	723
Clarksburg.....	552	159	154	865
Conway.....	905	141	214	1,260
Cummington.....	381	54	103	538
Dalton.....	2,260	721	436	3,417
Egremont.....	568	122	154	844
Florida.....	244	58	91	393
Goshen.....	407	97	112	616
Great Barrington.....	2,632	469	520	3,621
Hancock.....	218	74	91	383
Hawley.....	133	48	20	201
Heath.....	289	54	92	435
Hinsdale.....	660	192	215	1,067
Huntington.....	708	187	218	1,113
Lanesborough.....	1,031	264	317	1,612
Lee.....	1,896	552	552	3,000
Lenox.....	1,978	497	604	3,079
Middlefield.....	212	46	36	294
Monroe.....	33	10	10	53
Montearey.....	388	76	72	536
Mount Washington.....	89	5	16	110

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>Cape and Islands Senate District (cont.)</b>				
Tisbury.....	1,769	380	374	2,523
Truro.....	1,047	191	238	1,476
Wellfleet.....	1,632	276	345	2,253
West Tisbury.....	1,485	239	266	1,990
Yarmouth.....	8,774	2,620	2,587	13,981
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>70,299</b>	<b>19,683</b>	<b>18,378</b>	<b>108,360</b>
<b>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester Senate District</b>				
Amherst.....	11,787	1,762	1,971	15,520
Barnardston.....	810	162	209	1,181
Colrain.....	631	108	154	893
Deerfield.....	2,155	421	460	3,036
Erving.....	518	150	110	778
Gill.....	620	117	163	900
Greenfield.....	6,089	1,209	1,176	8,474
Hadley.....	2,147	484	499	3,130
Hatfield.....	1,399	357	293	2,049
Leverett.....	983	97	162	1,242
Leyden.....	351	64	48	463
Montague.....	2,931	585	737	4,253
New Salem.....	410	89	109	608
<b>NORTHAMPTON.....</b>	<b>12,489</b>	<b>1,546</b>	<b>2,392</b>	<b>16,427</b>
Northfield.....	1,163	242	233	1,638
Orange.....	2,006	635	628	3,269
Pelham.....	691	75	128	894
Royalston.....	452	125	101	678
Shutesbury.....	973	105	181	1,259
South Hadley.....	5,698	1,673	1,548	8,919
Sunderland.....	1,365	265	247	1,877
Warwick.....	297	63	98	458
Wendell.....	443	36	82	561
Whately.....	625	131	208	964
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>57,033</b>	<b>10,501</b>	<b>11,937</b>	<b>79,471</b>

<b>Middlesex and Worcester Senate District</b>			
Acton.....	8,389	1,992	1,641
Ayer.....	2,339	736	12,022
Beverly.....	1,978	527	3,668
Boxborough.....	2,441	652	593
Harvard.....	5,879	1,845	2,965
Hudson.....	3,628	909	3,642
Littleton.....	10,051	3,345	549
MARLBOROUGH.....	3,933	1,004	2,356
Maynard.....	1,359	397	904
Northborough.....	1,927	683	3,425
Shirley.....	3,705	1,116	3,425
Southborough.....	2,905	741	880
Stow.....	2,629	803	5,817
Sudbury.....	5,876	1,623	2,198
Westborough.....	3,705	1,116	442
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>57,039</b>	<b>16,373</b>	<b>15,988</b>

<b>3rd Middlesex Senate District</b>			
Bedford.....	4,997	1,331	1,391
Carlisle.....	2,201	627	546
Chelmsford.....	12,099	3,760	3,805
Concord.....	7,559	1,786	19,664
Lexington.....	3,880	877	1,710
Lincoln.....	2,694	619	1,119
Sudbury.....	4,137	1,318	437
WALTHAM.....	14,615	4,465	1,036
Weston.....	4,055	1,404	6,321
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>56,237</b>	<b>16,187</b>	<b>17,626</b>

<b>Norfolk, Bristol &amp; Middlesex Senate District</b>			
ATTLEBORO.....	5,079	1,628	1,743
Franklin.....	2,080	2,080	8,450
Millis.....	2,915	951	10,987
Natick.....	5,247	1,352	2,377
Needham.....	5,403	1,410	909
Norfolk.....	3,513	1,063	1,484
North Attleborough.....	8,754	3,049	8,083
Plainville.....	2,714	923	1,852
Sherborn.....	1,706	524	8,665
Wayland.....	5,400	1,338	5,741
Wellesley.....	2,999	806	1,165
Wrentham.....	3,998	1,248	2,532
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>54,258</b>	<b>16,372</b>	<b>17,057</b>

New Ashford.....	96	25	34	155
New Marlborough.....	556	144	842	842
NORTH ADAMS.....	3,730	1,009	1,072	5,811
Otis.....	540	172	834	475
Peru.....	310	74	475	20,183
PITTSFIELD.....	12,347	3,503	4,333	392
Plainfield.....	272	63	392	945
Richmond.....	601	184	1,072	2,43
Rowe.....	151	42	77	461
Sandisfield.....	293	91	75	359
Savoy.....	222	62	308	1,842
Sheffield.....	1,230	304	161	1,152
Shelburne.....	874	117	196	1,217
Stockbridge.....	850	171	74	261
Tyringham.....	154	33	53	320
Washington.....	218	49	190	889
West Stockbridge.....	597	102	162	1,064
Westhampton.....	696	206	192	1,634
Williamsburg.....	1,261	181	439	3,810
Williamstown.....	2,873	498	96	528
Windsor.....	342	90	149	730
Worthington.....	480	101		
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>52,078</b>	<b>13,047</b>	<b>14,317</b>	<b>79,442</b>

<b>Cape and Islands Senate District</b>				
Aquinnah.....	232	30	37	299
Barnstable.....	16,095	5,183	4,456	25,734
Brewster.....	4,287	1,135	1,147	6,579
Chatham.....	2,994	868	792	4,654
Chilmark.....	560	78	100	738
Dennis.....	5,857	1,802	1,663	9,322
Eastham.....	2,579	644	479	3,702
Edgartown.....	1,670	438	476	2,584
Gosnold.....	67	6	14	87
Harwich.....	5,486	1,522	1,197	8,205
Mashpee.....	5,131	1,701	1,510	8,342
Nantucket.....	3,988	1,071	1,076	6,145
Oak Bluffs.....	1,787	454	567	2,808
Orleans.....	3,032	838	678	4,548
Provincetown.....	1,807	207	376	2,390

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Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of a resolution calling upon Congress and the President to: (1) prevent cuts to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and Veterans benefits, or to housing, food and unemployment assistance; (2) create and protect jobs by investing in manufacturing, schools, housing, renewable energy, transportation and other public services; (3) provide new revenues for these purposes and to reduce the long-term federal deficit by closing corporate tax loopholes, ending offshore tax havens, and raising taxes on incomes over \$250,000; and (4) redirect military spending to these domestic needs by reducing the military budget, ending the war in Afghanistan and bringing U.S. troops home safely now?

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>4th Berkshire Representative District</b>				
Alford.....	203	38	65	306
Becket.....	718	135	122	975
Blandford.....	388	138	141	667
Egremont.....	587	103	154	844
Great Barrington.....	2,622	478	521	3,621
Lee.....	1,860	544	596	3,000
Lenox.....	2,020	437	622	3,079
Monterey.....	412	51	73	536
Mount Washington.....	85	9	16	110
New Marlborough.....	564	133	145	842
Otis.....	580	131	123	834
Richmond.....	647	139	159	945
Russell.....	431	171	195	797
Sandisfield.....	292	85	84	461
Sheffield.....	1,234	276	332	1,842
Stockbridge.....	873	151	193	1,217
Tolland.....	138	85	56	279
Tyringham.....	155	30	76	261
Washington.....	293	42	55	320
West Stockbridge.....	607	82	200	889
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>14,639</b>	<b>3,258</b>	<b>3,928</b>	<b>21,825</b>
<b>7th Bristol Representative District</b>				
FALL RIVER.....	7,062	2,354	2,667	12,083
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>7,062</b>	<b>2,354</b>	<b>2,667</b>	<b>12,083</b>

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
<b>3rd Hampshire Representative District</b>				
Amherst.....	11,870	1,689	1,961	15,520
Granby.....	1,205	397	269	1,871
Pelham.....	657	98	139	894
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>13,732</b>	<b>2,184</b>	<b>2,369</b>	<b>18,285</b>
<b>5th Middlesex Representative District</b>				
Millis.....	1,906	726	563	3,195
Natick.....	11,421	4,182	3,261	18,864
Sherborn.....	1,342	831	516	2,689
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>14,669</b>	<b>5,739</b>	<b>4,340</b>	<b>24,748</b>
<b>6th Middlesex Representative District</b>				
Framingham.....	12,084	4,149	3,548	19,781
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>12,084</b>	<b>4,149</b>	<b>3,548</b>	<b>19,781</b>
<b>9th Middlesex Representative District</b>				
Lincoln.....	2,186	991	573	3,750
WALTHAM.....	9,100	3,534	4,183	16,817
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>11,286</b>	<b>4,525</b>	<b>4,756</b>	<b>20,567</b>
<b>10th Middlesex Representative District</b>				
NEWTON.....	1,461	482	740	2,683
WALTHAM.....	5,066	1,639	1,879	8,584
Watertown.....	2,452	784	984	4,220
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>8,979</b>	<b>2,905</b>	<b>3,603</b>	<b>15,487</b>
<b>13th Middlesex Representative District</b>				
Framingham.....	1,195	351	296	1,842
MARLBOROUGH.....	2,849	1,250	1,034	5,133
Sudbury.....	5,498	3,349	1,832	10,679
Wayland.....	3,420	1,482	1,172	6,074
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>12,962</b>	<b>6,432</b>	<b>4,334</b>	<b>23,728</b>
<b>15th Middlesex Representative District</b>				
Lexington.....	10,711	4,150	3,578	18,439
WOBURN.....	3,256	1,384	1,279	5,919
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>13,967</b>	<b>5,534</b>	<b>4,857</b>	<b>24,358</b>



**23rd Middlesex Representative District**

Arlington.....	12,762	3,767	3,041	19,570
MEDFORD.....	3,746	1,114	1,367	6,227
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>16,508</b>	<b>4,881</b>	<b>4,408</b>	<b>25,797</b>

**24th Middlesex Representative District**

Arlington.....	4,467	1,237	979	6,683
Belmont.....	8,140	3,122	3,128	14,390
CAMBRIDGE.....	1,732	444	801	2,977
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>14,339</b>	<b>4,803</b>	<b>4,908</b>	<b>24,050</b>

**29th Middlesex Representative District**

CAMBRIDGE.....	6,449	1,334	1,963	9,746
Watertown.....	7,963	2,067	2,613	12,643
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>14,412</b>	<b>3,401</b>	<b>4,576</b>	<b>22,389</b>

**32nd Middlesex Representative District**

MALDEN.....	1,024	327	428	1,779
MELROSE.....	9,034	3,228	3,374	15,636
Wakefield.....	3,634	1,407	1,442	6,483
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>13,692</b>	<b>4,962</b>	<b>5,244</b>	<b>23,898</b>

**7th Norfolk Representative District**

Milton.....	6,903	3,480	2,310	12,693
Randolph.....	5,501	1,601	1,756	8,858
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>12,404</b>	<b>5,081</b>	<b>4,066</b>	<b>21,551</b>

**12th Norfolk Representative District**

Norwood.....	8,551	3,110	3,279	14,940
Walpole.....	4,063	1,854	1,208	7,125
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>12,614</b>	<b>4,964</b>	<b>4,487</b>	<b>22,065</b>

**3rd Plymouth Representative District**

Cohasset.....	2,401	1,498	1,019	4,918
Hingham.....	6,194	3,605	2,064	11,863
Hull.....	3,909	1,083	1,119	6,111
Scituate.....	1,040	481	369	1,890
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>13,544</b>	<b>6,667</b>	<b>4,571</b>	<b>24,782</b>

**8th Plymouth Representative District**

Bridgewater.....	7,119	2,771	2,225	12,115
Raynham.....	4,114	1,609	1,293	7,016
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>11,233</b>	<b>4,380</b>	<b>3,518</b>	<b>19,131</b>

**1st Essex Representative District**

Amesbury.....	1,851	1,347	8,523	11,721
NEWBURYPORT.....	5,325	1,970	11,063	18,358
Salisbury.....	2,712	687	4,314	7,713
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>14,161</b>	<b>4,004</b>	<b>23,900</b>	<b>42,074</b>

**2nd Essex Representative District**

Boxford.....	1,254	506	3,462	5,222
Georgetown.....	1,413	616	4,947	6,976
Groveland.....	1,028	606	4,002	5,636
HAVERHILL.....	1,861	687	3,292	5,840
Merrimac.....	843	616	3,604	5,063
Newbury.....	1,182	494	4,481	6,157
West Newbury.....	1,630	376	2,797	4,803
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>15,429</b>	<b>3,901</b>	<b>26,585</b>	<b>45,915</b>

**5th Essex Representative District**

Essex.....	521	476	2,180	3,177
GLOUCESTER.....	1,183	2,724	15,689	19,596
Rockport.....	2,963	935	4,774	8,672
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>13,829</b>	<b>4,679</b>	<b>22,643</b>	<b>31,151</b>

**8th Essex Representative District**

LYNN.....	1,477	512	2,438	4,427
Marblehead.....	7,141	2,073	12,704	21,926
Swampscott.....	4,787	1,598	8,300	14,685
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>13,405</b>	<b>4,183</b>	<b>23,442</b>	<b>41,038</b>

**16th Essex Representative District**

LAWRENCE.....	6,444	3,576	11,800	21,820
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>6,444</b>	<b>1,780</b>	<b>11,800</b>	<b>19,924</b>

**5th Hampden Representative District**

HOLYOKE.....	10,155	3,834	16,571	30,560
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>10,155</b>	<b>2,582</b>	<b>16,571</b>	<b>29,308</b>

**1st Hampshire Representative District**

Hatfield.....	1,398	364	2,049	3,811
Montgomery.....	300	111	510	921
NORTHAMPTON.....	1,757	2,274	16,427	20,458
Southampton.....	776	531	3,556	4,863
Westhampton.....	214	197	1,064	1,475
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>16,996</b>	<b>3,222</b>	<b>23,606</b>	<b>43,823</b>