



QUESTION 3 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 4, 2010?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would reduce the state sales and use tax rates (which were 6.25% as of September 2009) to 3% as of January 1, 2011. It would make the same reduction in the rate used to determine the amount to be deposited with the state Commissioner of Revenue by non-resident building contractors as security for the payment of sales and use tax on tangible personal property used in carrying out their contracts.

The proposed law provides that if the 3% rates would not produce enough revenues to satisfy any lawful pledge of sales and use tax revenues in connection with any bond, note, or other contractual obligation, then the rates would instead be reduced to the lowest level allowed by law.

The proposed law would not affect the collection of moneys due the Commonwealth for sales, storage, use or other consumption of tangible personal property or services occurring before January 1, 2011.

The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would reduce the state sales and use tax rates to 3%.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the state sales and use tax rates.

	Yes	%	No	%	Blanks	%	Total Ballots
Aggregate of Votes							
BARNSTABLE	48,982	45.52%	55,269	51.36%	3,358	3.12%	107,609
BERKSHIRE	12,339	28.65%	29,496	68.50%	1,227	4.91%	43,062
BRISTOL	77,895	44.51%	88,515	50.58%	8,593	4.91%	175,003
DUKES	3,409	39.98%	4,608	53.98%	515	6.04%	8,527
ESSEX	123,798	45.94%	138,346	51.34%	7,328	2.72%	269,472
FRANKLIN	6,876	24.49%	19,804	70.54%	1,396	4.97%	28,076
HAMPDEN	58,085	41.99%	74,428	53.81%	5,813	4.20%	138,326
HAMPSHIRE	16,902	29.62%	38,960	68.28%	1,201	2.10%	57,063
MIDDLESEX	221,715	39.74%	322,051	57.72%	14,208	2.55%	557,974
NANTUCKET	2,313	47.81%	2,344	48.45%	181	3.74%	4,838
NORFOLK	116,279	42.51%	146,743	53.65%	10,516	3.84%	273,538
PLYMOUTH	95,451	47.19%	92,555	47.70%	6,046	3.12%	194,052
SUFFOLK	53,263	28.32%	121,518	64.61%	13,294	7.07%	188,075
WORCESTER	129,666	47.26%	136,900	49.90%	7,782	2.84%	274,348
TOTALS	966,973	41.68%	1,271,532	54.81%	81,458	3.51%	2,319,963

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
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Berkshire County (cont.)

Peru.....	109	180	8	297
PITTSFIELD.....	3,828	8,728	330	12,886
Richmond.....	187	536	24	747
Sandisfield.....	132	169	21	322
Savoy.....	120	107	3	230
Sheffield.....	401	805	25	1,231
Stockbridge.....	207	627	70	904
Tyringham.....	66	149	2	217
Washington.....	84	178	7	269
West Stockbridge.....	176	420	45	641
Williamstown.....	500	2,175	53	2,728
Windsor.....	137	228	13	378
Totals	12,339	29,496	1,227	43,062

Bristol County

Acushnet.....	1,802	2,065	205	4,072
ATTLEBORO.....	6,331	6,350	587	13,268
Berkley.....	1,324	1,056	77	2,457
Dartmouth.....	4,899	6,818	402	12,119
Dighton.....	1,379	1,327	64	2,770
Easton.....	4,509	4,314	253	9,076
Fairhaven.....	2,701	3,313	354	6,368
FALL RIVER.....	7,864	10,689	2,105	20,658
Freetown.....	1,772	1,734	62	3,568
Mansfield.....	4,206	4,419	306	8,931
NEW BEDFORD.....	8,989	12,487	1,136	22,612
North Attleborough.....	5,140	4,738	179	10,057
Norton.....	3,330	3,299	139	6,768
Raynham.....	2,726	2,510	256	5,492
Rehoboth.....	2,261	2,126	136	4,523
Seekonk.....	2,444	2,596	237	5,277
Somerset.....	3,117	3,756	607	7,480
Swansea.....	2,670	3,007	251	5,928
TAUNTON.....	7,709	8,375	860	16,944
Westport.....	2,760	3,498	377	6,635
Totals	77,895	88,515	8,593	175,003

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
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Barnstable County

Barnstable.....	9,961	9,802	476	20,239
Bourne.....	4,258	3,731	149	8,138
Brewster.....	2,167	2,887	302	5,356
Chatham.....	1,800	1,981	116	3,897
Dennis.....	3,487	3,938	287	7,712
Eastham.....	1,203	1,864	59	3,126
Falmouth.....	6,661	8,677	616	16,954
Harwich.....	2,894	3,516	144	6,554
Mashpee.....	3,156	3,104	216	6,476
Orleans.....	1,551	2,161	118	3,830
Provincetown.....	458	1,303	52	1,813
Sandwich.....	5,269	4,651	405	10,325
Truro.....	420	783	26	1,229
Wellfleet.....	671	1,099	50	1,820
Yarmouth.....	5,026	5,772	342	11,140
Totals	48,982	55,269	3,358	107,609

Berkshire County

Adams.....	663	1,657	32	2,352
Alford.....	36	181	9	226
Becket.....	221	377	12	610
Cheshire.....	389	720	23	1,132
Clarksburg.....	160	385	4	549
Dalton.....	700	1,570	73	2,343
Egremont.....	184	409	14	607
Florida.....	120	127	6	253
Great Barrington.....	623	1,819	102	2,544
Hancock.....	116	166	3	285
Hinsdale.....	268	417	29	714
Lanesborough.....	334	688	30	1,052
Lee.....	556	1,381	46	1,983
Lenox.....	523	1,641	103	2,267
Monterey.....	113	276	11	400
Mount Washington.....	24	53	4	81
New Ashford.....	40	69	3	112
New Marlborough.....	202	376	13	591
NORTH ADAMS.....	872	2,561	95	3,528
Otis.....	248	321	14	583

Middlefield.....	77	159	-	236
NORTHAMPTON.....	2,356	9,378	333	12,067
Palham.....	94	610	15	719
Plainfield.....	87	212	4	303
South Hadley.....	2,410	3,984	96	6,490
Southampton.....	1,146	1,430	42	2,618
Ware.....	1,484	1,503	180	3,167
Westhampton.....	307	543	1	851
Williamsburg.....	307	922	22	1,251
Worthington.....	196	382	5	583
Totals	16,902	38,960	1,201	57,063

Middlesex County				
Acton.....	3,191	5,995	112	9,298
Arlington.....	5,980	14,020	431	20,431
Ashby.....	733	682	9	1,424
Ashland.....	2,851	3,618	85	6,554
Ayer.....	1,275	1,256	46	2,577
Bedford.....	2,353	3,462	100	5,915
Belmont.....	3,767	7,209	208	11,184
Billerica.....	8,401	6,521	152	15,074
Boxborough.....	946	1,322	39	2,307
Burlington.....	4,800	4,510	165	9,475
CAMBRIDGE.....	6,221	26,701	1,318	34,240
Carlisle.....	1,062	1,581	53	2,696
Chelmsford.....	7,137	7,809	263	15,209
Concord.....	2,760	5,811	194	8,765
Dracut.....	5,951	4,995	230	11,176
Dunstable.....	732	682	18	1,432
EVERETT.....	4,092	4,455	557	9,104
Frammingham.....	7,812	11,907	430	20,149
Groton.....	2,145	2,646	85	4,876
Holliston.....	2,890	3,676	76	6,642
Hopkinton.....	3,134	3,255	69	6,458
Hudson.....	3,627	3,864	168	7,659
Lexington.....	4,213	10,047	243	14,503
Lincoln.....	815	1,994	56	2,865
Littleton.....	1,867	2,298	52	4,217
LOWELL.....	9,997	11,397	1,126	22,520
MALDEN.....	5,957	8,228	623	14,808
MARLBOROUGH.....	5,742	6,401	277	12,420
Maynard.....	1,859	2,609	73	4,541
MEDFORD.....	8,012	11,460	614	20,086

Rockport.....	77	3,678		
Rowley.....	33	1,244		
SALEM.....	326	13,659		
Salisbury.....	66	3,164		
Saugus.....	385	10,594		
Swampscott.....	149	6,872		
Topsfield.....	50	3,226		
Wenham.....	38	1,867		
West Newbury.....	36	2,250		
Totals	7,328	269,472		

Franklin County				
Ashfield.....	17	880		
Barnardston.....	38	878		
Buckland.....	56	803		
Charlmont.....	3	476		
Cohran.....	17	646		
Conway.....	11	986		
Deerfield.....	40	2,221		
Erving.....	19	508		
Gill.....	20	639		
Greenfield.....	168	6,032		
Hawley.....	1	135		
Heath.....	2	321		
Leverett.....	12	998		
Leyden.....	7	353		
Monroe.....	1	42		
Montague.....	44	3,034		
New Salem.....	9	470		
Northfield.....	45	1,247		
Orange.....	792	2,579		
Rowe.....	4	179		
Shelburne.....	32	856		
Shutesbury.....	14	916		
Sunderland.....	13	1,320		
Warwick.....	11	349		
Wendell.....	7	316		
Whately.....	13	780		
Totals	1,396	28,076		

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County (cont.)								
MELROSE.....	4,990	7,015	406	12,411	4,066	3,319	133	7,518
Natick.....	5,575	8,136	299	14,010	11,076	11,000	316	22,392
NEWTON.....	10,416	23,616	1,441	35,473	755	632	26	1,413
North Reading.....	3,034	3,541	75	6,650	1,261	1,120	80	2,461
Pepperell.....	2,573	2,234	53	4,860	3,441	3,115	136	6,692
Reading.....	4,841	6,066	139	11,046	4,288	4,582	302	9,172
Sherborn.....	988	1,276	28	2,292	4,012	3,771	291	8,074
Shirley.....	1,239	1,138	61	2,438	1,667	1,257	133	3,057
SOMERVILLE.....	5,670	16,465	876	23,011	2,719	2,683	155	5,557
Stoneham.....	4,603	4,568	214	9,385	95,451	92,555	6,046	194,052
Stow.....	1,482	1,871	32	3,385				
Sudbury.....	3,199	5,029	100	8,328				
Tewksbury.....	6,353	5,118	189	11,660				
Townsend.....	1,991	1,568	43	3,602				
Tyngsborough.....	2,398	2,214	79	4,691				
Wakefield.....	5,523	5,621	219	11,363	42,996	109,472	11,844	164,312
WALTHAM.....	7,098	9,922	522	17,542	1,625	3,097	417	5,139
Watertown.....	4,077	7,617	325	12,019	5,597	5,596	703	11,896
Wayland.....	2,288	3,995	101	6,384	3,045	3,353	330	6,728
Westford.....	4,544	5,122	106	9,772	53,263	121,518	13,294	188,075
Weston.....	2,246	2,915	87	5,248				
Wilmington.....	4,828	4,273	210	9,311	1,210	1,289	24	2,523
Winchester.....	4,188	5,738	201	10,127	1,502	1,894	34	3,430
WOBURN.....	7,249	6,582	530	14,361	3,253	3,363	113	6,729
Totals	221,715	322,051	14,208	557,974	965	1,049	34	2,048
Nantucket County								
Nantucket.....	2,313	2,344	181	4,838	714	693	19	1,426
Totals	2,313	2,344	181	4,838				
Norfolk County								
Avon.....	889	879	84	1,852	1,620	1,514	167	3,301
Bellingham.....	3,240	2,965	244	6,449	1,145	1,186	34	2,365
Braintree.....	6,938	7,657	747	15,342	942	1,138	101	2,181
Brookline.....	4,464	15,367	725	20,556	703	583	19	1,305
Canton.....	4,316	4,851	382	9,549	2,546	2,176	63	4,785
Clinton.....	2,341	2,312	118	4,771	2,341	2,312	118	4,771
Douglas.....	1,933	1,278	94	3,305	1,933	1,278	94	3,305
Dudley.....	2,020	1,679	46	3,745	2,020	1,679	46	3,745
East Brookfield.....	508	399	8	915	508	399	8	915
FITCHBURG.....	4,493	5,356	258	10,107	4,493	5,356	258	10,107
GARDNER.....	2,792	3,298	132	6,222	2,792	3,298	132	6,222
Greatton.....	3,412	3,147	130	6,689	3,412	3,147	130	6,689
Plymouth County (cont.)								
Pembroke.....	4,066	3,319	133	7,518				
Plymouth.....	11,076	11,000	316	22,392				
Plympton.....	755	632	26	1,413				
Rochester.....	1,261	1,120	80	2,461				
Rockland.....	3,441	3,115	136	6,692				
Scuttuate.....	4,288	4,582	302	9,172				
Wareham.....	4,012	3,771	291	8,074				
West Bridgewater.....	1,667	1,257	133	3,057				
Whitman.....	2,719	2,683	155	5,557				
Totals	95,451	92,555	6,046	194,052				
Suffolk County								
BOSTON.....	42,996	109,472	11,844	164,312				
CHELSEA.....	1,625	3,097	417	5,139				
REVERE.....	5,597	5,596	703	11,896				
Winthrop.....	3,045	3,353	330	6,728				
Totals	53,263	121,518	13,294	188,075				
Worcester County								
Ashburnham.....	1,210	1,289	24	2,523				
Athol.....	1,502	1,894	34	3,430				
Auburn.....	3,253	3,363	113	6,729				
Barre.....	965	1,049	34	2,048				
Berlin.....	714	693	19	1,426				
Blackstone.....	1,620	1,514	167	3,301				
Bolton.....	1,145	1,186	34	2,365				
Boylston.....	942	1,138	101	2,181				
Brookfield.....	703	583	19	1,305				
Charlton.....	2,546	2,176	63	4,785				

Cohasset	1,798	1,815	210	3,823	Hardwick	474	518	22	1,014
Dedham	4,676	5,309	431	10,416	Harvard	1,186	1,641	51	2,878
Dover	1,441	1,402	63	2,906	Holden	3,914	4,621	99	8,634
Foxborough	3,783	3,339	156	7,278	Hopevale	1,239	1,268	65	2,572
Franklin	6,112	6,507	210	12,829	Hubbardston	1,080	950	27	2,057
Holbrook	1,979	1,933	164	4,076	Lancaster	1,474	1,424	34	2,932
Medford	2,568	3,156	174	5,898	Lercest	2,237	1,949	56	4,242
Medway	2,695	2,777	77	5,549	LEOMINSTER	6,393	6,672	320	13,385
Millis	1,806	1,874	52	3,732	Lunenburg	2,235	2,211	77	4,523
Milton	4,833	7,382	735	12,950	Mendon	1,268	1,236	30	2,534
Needham	4,775	9,075	404	14,254	Milford	4,441	4,161	443	9,045
Norfolk	2,281	2,064	158	4,503	Millbury	2,424	2,465	176	5,065
Norwood	5,343	5,615	411	11,369	Millville	617	504	33	1,154
Plainville	1,671	1,468	96	3,235	New Braintree	224	212	13	449
QUINCY	13,126	16,491	2,010	31,627	North Brookfield	1,009	858	27	1,894
Randolph	4,068	5,718	454	10,240	Northborough	3,078	3,448	105	6,681
Sharon	2,906	4,889	146	7,941	Northbridge	2,926	2,374	250	5,560
Stoughton	4,817	5,156	409	10,382	Oakham	485	443	11	939
Walpole	5,459	5,270	194	10,923	Oxford	2,584	2,179	91	4,854
Wellesley	4,226	7,184	558	11,968	Paxton	1,027	973	40	2,040
Westwood	3,276	3,680	372	7,328	Petersham	298	389	13	700
Weymouth	10,343	10,705	770	21,818	Phillipston	344	344	4	715
Wrentham	2,450	2,215	80	4,745	Princeton	894	964	28	1,886
Totals	116,279	146,743	10,516	273,538	Royalston	239	280	6	525
Plymouth County					Rutland	1,744	1,671	42	3,457
Abington	3,142	3,049	144	6,335	Shrewsbury	6,441	7,242	376	14,059
Bridgewater	4,404	4,468	296	9,168	Southborough	2,168	2,310	56	4,534
BROCKTON	9,714	11,201	1,598	22,513	Southbridge	1,948	2,347	179	4,474
Carver	2,472	2,006	118	4,596	Spencer	2,212	1,882	73	4,167
Duxbury	3,851	3,619	198	7,668	Sterling	2,010	1,769	52	3,831
East Bridgewater	2,773	2,439	180	5,392	Sturbridge	1,952	1,914	48	3,914
Halifax	1,716	1,352	97	3,165	Sutton	2,418	1,813	117	4,348
Hanover	3,349	3,081	180	6,610	Templeton	1,406	1,430	32	2,868
Hanson	2,277	2,055	57	4,389	Upton	1,693	1,525	50	3,268
Hingham	5,041	5,947	332	11,320	Uxbridge	2,911	2,996	252	5,459
Hull	2,048	2,505	147	4,700	Warren	791	826	56	1,673
Kingston	2,815	2,554	105	5,474	Webster	2,597	2,213	120	4,930
Lakeville	2,473	2,020	147	4,640	West Boylston	1,579	1,625	50	3,254
Marion	1,209	1,226	70	2,505	West Brookfield	717	795	15	1,527
Marshfield	6,093	5,455	178	11,726	Westborough	2,940	3,735	154	6,829
Mattapoisett	1,440	1,712	118	3,270	Westminster	1,707	1,591	49	3,347
Middleborough	4,699	3,913	398	9,010	Winchendon	1,554	1,421	45	3,020
Norwell	2,650	2,474	111	5,235	WORCESTER	16,666	24,057	2,601	43,324
Totals	129,666	136,900	7,782	274,348					

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Belmont 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"), establish 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 rehabilitate and restore open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created in accordance with the Act. In Belmont, the Act will be funded, beginning in Fiscal Year 2012, by an additional surcharge of one and one-half percent (1½ %) on the annual tax levy on real property and by matching funds provided by the state. The following exemptions from such surcharge, permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act, will apply: (1) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property; and (2) 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. 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 bylaw 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 Belmont

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
Belmont	5,394	5,175	615	11,184
TOTALS	5,394	5,175	615	11,184

QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Middleborough accept sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, as proposed 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, create and preserve open space, acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources, acquire, create and preserve land for recreational use, acquire create, preserve and support community housing; and rehabilitate or restore open space, land for recreational use and community housing acquired or created as provided in Section 5 of the Act. In Middleborough, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by an additional surcharge of 1% on the annual tax levy on the real property to be assessed beginning in fiscal year 2011, and any person who qualifies 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 will be exempt from the surcharge. A Community Preservation Committee will be established by-law following acceptance of the Act and will make recommendations to Town Meeting on the use of the funds.

In the Town of Middleborough

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Plymouth County				
Middleborough	4,371	3,795	844	9,010
TOTALS	4,371	3,795	844	9,010

QUESTION 4

Shall the City of Marlborough accept sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws as proposed by at least five percent of the registered voters of Marlborough, a summary of which appears below?

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Sunderland 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"), establish 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 rehabilitate and restore open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created in accordance with the Act. In Sunderland, the Act will be funded, beginning in Fiscal Year 2012, 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) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property; and (2) 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. 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 bylaw and will make recommendations on the use of the funds. 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 Sunderland

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Franklin County				
Sunderland.....	782	489	49	1,320
TOTALS.....	782	489	49	1,320

SUMMARY

Sections 3 through 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, 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 sources and supplies, watershed land, marshes and wetlands, farm land, fields, forests, beaches, river, stream, lake and pond frontage, scenic areas, wildlife preserves and other conservation areas, (2) acquire and restore historic buildings and sites, and (3) create affordable housing.

In Marlborough, the funding source for these community preservation purposes will be a surcharge of 2% on the annual property tax assessed on all real property commencing in fiscal year 2011. Remedies provided by law for the collection of real estate taxes shall apply to said surcharge. The amount collected through the surcharge will be augmented by annual matching distributions, ranging from 5% to 100%, made by the state to the City of Marlborough from a trust fund created by the Act.

In addition, if approved, the following will be exempt from the surcharge: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who would qualify for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in Marlborough, as defined in Section 2 of the Act, and (2) one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property in Marlborough. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in the surcharge.

A Community Preservation Committee will be established by ordinance to study community preservation resources, possibilities, and needs, and to make annual recommendations to the city council on spending the funds. In every fiscal year, at least 30% of the annual funds will be spent, or reserved for later spending, on each of the Act's three preservation purposes as follows: (1) at least 10% for open space (excluding land for recreational purposes), (2) at least 10% for historic resources, and (3) at least 10% for affordable housing. The remaining 70% of the funds may be allocated to any of the three purposes without a percentage restriction, but not more than 5% may be allocated to administrative and operating expenses of the Community Preservation Committee.

In the City of Marlborough

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
MARLBOROUGH.....	5,331	5,777	1,312	12,420
TOTALS.....	5,331	5,777	1,312	12,420

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Gosnold 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 Massachusetts 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 Gosnold, the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act will be funded by an additional excise of 1.5% on the annual tax levy on real property to be assessed beginning in fiscal year 2012, and by matching funds provided by the state. The Town Meeting may also vote to accept one or more of the following exemptions from the surcharge, permitted under §3(e) of said Act: (i) 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 §2 of said Act; (ii) class three, commercial, and class four, industrial, properties as defined in G.L. c.59, §2A; and (iii) \$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 said Act. A Community Preservation Committee will annually make recommendations on the use of the funds to the Town Meeting.

In the Town of Gosnold

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Dukes County				
Gosnold	43	23	2	68
TOTALS	43	23	2	68

QUESTION 4

Shall the city of Gardner vote to accept the provisions of section 6C of chapter 40 of the General Laws, which authorize the cities and towns to appropriate money for the removal of snow and ice from private ways therein open to public use?

In the City of Gardner

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
GARDNER	4,473	1,503	246	6,222
TOTALS	4,473	1,503	246	6,222

QUESTION 4

Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale of all alcoholic beverages (whiskey, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverages) to be drunk on the premises of restaurants?

SUMMARY

The Legislature has enacted and the Governor has signed Chapter 330 of the Acts and Resolves of 2010 which would permit the licensing of restaurants in the Town of Pepperell to serve all alcoholic beverages, including distilled spirits, for consumption on the premises. Such licenses would be issued by the Board of Selectmen as licensing authority subject to the approval of the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission. Currently, licenses for consumption on the premises of alcoholic beverages are limited to wine and malt beverages. A yes vote on this question would allow the issuance to restaurants of licenses for service of all alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises. A no vote would maintain the current limitations on issuance of licenses to wine and malt beverages only.

In the Town of Pepperell

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
Pepperell	3,844	940	76	4,860
TOTALS	3,844	940	76	4,860

QUESTION 4

Shall sections 1 to 7, inclusive, sections 10 to 13, inclusive, and sections 15 to 25, inclusive, of an act passed by the General Court in the year 2010 entitled 'An Act Relative to the Charter of the City known as the Town of Franklin', be accepted?

SUMMARY

The proposed changes to the Franklin Charter contained in Sections 1-7, 10-13, and 15-25 of the Home Rule legislation include updates to various provisions to comply with existing law or to reflect current municipal practice; they also include several technical corrections. The major changes are summarized as follows: redefining duties of Town Council Clerk to comply with Open Meeting and Public Records laws, providing the Town Council with the ability to reorganize itself and flexibility in scheduling meetings, clarifying the Town Administrator's authority and duties including his appointing authority, updating the listing of standing committees and appointed positions to eliminate obsolete ones, provision for both a temporary and acting town administrator if the town administrator is absent or the position is vacant, reduction of the finance committee from eleven to nine members and updating of the process for their appointment, updating of annual budget and financial planning processes, elimination of obsolete section governing personnel suspension and removals, and elimination of obsolete transitional provisions in connection with charter's original adoption and prior amendment.

In the Town of Franklin

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Norfolk County				
Franklin.....	8,443	2,596	1,790	12,829
TOTALS.....	8,443	2,596	1,790	12,829

QUESTION 4

Shall the board of selectmen be authorized to grant up to 3 licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in replacement of up to 3 existing licenses for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises?

In the Town of Arlington

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
Arlington.....	12,169	6,478	1,784	20,431
TOTALS.....	12,169	6,478	1,784	20,431

QUESTION 4

Shall this town approve the revised charter recommended by the charter commission summarized below?

SUMMARY

The new Charter retains the current Council/Manager form of government. Below are the significant changes in the proposed charter.

- Town Council changes from 9 members to 7 (3 At Large 4 District).
- Terms of office for all elected officials change from 4 years to 3.
- Town election changes to the second Tuesday in June, those elected will take office July 1st.
- Requirements for Town Manager and Major Department Heads change.
- Town Clerk to be appointed.
- A new budget process is implemented.

In the Town of Palmer

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampden County				
Palmer.....	2,518	1,328	462	4,308
TOTALS.....	2,518	1,328	462	4,308

QUESTION 5

Shall the Town Treasurer-Collector be appointed, as provided in Sections 8, 9, 14 and 26 of that act, rather than elected?

SUMMARY

The proposed changes contained in Sections 8, 9, 14 and 26 of the Home Rule legislation eliminate Treasurer-Collector as an elected position and make it an appointed one; the appointment will be made by the Town Administrator and ratified by the Town Council as is presently the case for all other town officers except the Town Clerk. A transitional provision allows the incumbent Treasurer-Collector to continue in office until the end of his elected term.

In the Town of Franklin

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Norfolk County				
Franklin.....	4,339	7,421	1,069	12,829
TOTALS	4,339	7,421	1,069	12,829

QUESTION 4

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

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Plymouth County				
Abington.....	2,842	2,768	725	6,335
Bridgewater.....	4,405	4,467	296	9,168
BROCKTON	9,662	9,055	3,796	22,513
Carver.....	1,899	2,186	511	4,596
Duxbury.....	3,447	3,347	874	7,668
East Bridgewater.....	2,258	2,410	724	5,392
Halifax.....	1,354	1,457	354	3,165
Hanover.....	2,778	3,022	810	6,610
Hanson.....	1,963	2,086	340	4,389
Hingham.....	5,133	4,725	1,462	11,320
Hull.....	2,250	1,861	589	4,700
Kingston.....	2,481	2,455	538	5,474
Lakeville.....	1,940	2,149	551	4,640
Marion.....	1,029	1,188	288	2,505
Marshfield.....	5,306	5,288	1,132	11,726
Mattapoisett.....	1,232	1,631	407	3,270
Middleborough.....	3,713	3,837	1,460	9,010
Norwell.....	2,342	2,264	629	5,235
Pembroke.....	3,227	3,586	705	7,518
Plymouth.....	11,716	8,844	1,832	22,392
Plympton.....	665	619	129	1,413
Rochester.....	873	1,218	370	2,461
Rockland.....	2,996	3,041	655	6,692
Scituate.....	4,016	3,852	1,304	9,172
Wareham.....	3,669	3,355	1,050	8,074
West Bridgewater.....	1,281	1,316	460	3,057
Whitman.....	2,417	2,557	583	5,557
TOTALS	86,894	84,584	22,574	194,052

QUESTION 4

Shall the revisions to the Barnstable County Charter proposed by the Assembly of Delegates be adopted?

SUMMARY

The revisions to the Barnstable County Charter proposed by the Assembly of Delegates would streamline the provisions of the Charter by deleting language that is contained in other administrative and regulatory codes and would modify certain procedural provisions relating to the Assembly of Delegates that would promote efficiency. The proposed revisions would also modify administrative provisions of county government that would promote the intent and purposes of the Charter. Lastly, the proposed revisions would delete transitional provisions of the Charter that are no longer needed.

In Barnstable County

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County				
Barnstable	12,695	4,316	3,228	20,239
Bourne	5,209	1,361	1,568	8,138
Brewster	3,468	839	1,049	5,356
Chatham	2,734	499	664	3,897
Dennis	5,088	1,249	1,375	7,712
Eastham	2,186	463	477	3,126
Falmouth	10,118	2,313	3,523	15,954
Harwich	4,530	1,043	981	6,554
Mashpee	4,246	1,078	1,152	6,476
Orleans	2,629	579	622	3,830
Provincetown	1,164	309	340	1,813
Sandwich	6,294	1,722	2,309	10,325
Truro	794	211	224	1,229
Wellfleet	1,126	348	346	1,820
Yarmouth	7,266	1,996	1,878	11,140
TOTALS	69,547	18,339	19,723	107,609

Shall the Town of Granby 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 a new school facility at 385 East State Street, Granby, MA?

In the Town of Granby

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampshire County				
Granby	1,472	1,532	50	3,054
TOTALS	1,472	1,532	50	3,054

QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Barnstable be allowed to assess an additional \$750,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the sewer system stabilization fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011?

In the Town of Barnstable

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County				
Barnstable	5,249	13,878	1,112	20,239
TOTALS	5,249	13,878	1,112	20,239

QUESTION 6

Shall the Town of Barnstable be allowed to assess an additional \$3,000,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of creating a stabilization fund for funding the taking, layout and improvement of certain private ways as town ways for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011?

In the Town of Barnstable

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County				
Barnstable.....	3,473	15,639	1,127	20,239
TOTALS.....	3,473	15,639	1,127	20,239

QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Sandwich 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 improvements and remodeling, construction, reconstruction and making extraordinary repairs to Town buildings?

In the Town of Sandwich

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County				
Sandwich.....	3,767	5,389	1,169	10,325
TOTALS.....	3,767	5,389	1,169	10,325

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Hudson 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 the demolition of the existing John F. Kennedy middle School structure; and the design, construction, equipping and furnishing of a new Middle School at the existing site at 201 Manning Street?

In the Town of Hudson

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
Hudson.....	4,314	2,830	515	7,659
TOTALS.....	4,314	2,830	515	7,659

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Dighton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds to be issued in order to finance the design, construction, original equipping and furnishing of a new public library facility, including all costs incidental and related thereto?

In the Town of Dighton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Bristol County				
Dighton.....	1,011	1,629	130	2,770
TOTALS.....	1,011	1,629	130	2,770

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Hubbardston be allowed to assess an additional \$90,649.37 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding cleanup of the December, 2008 Ice Storm, for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and ten?

In the Town of Hubbardston

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Hubbardston.....	604	1,406	47	2,057
TOTALS.....	604	1,406	47	2,057

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Whatley be allowed to assess an additional \$60,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the municipal capital stabilization fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011?

In the Town of Whatley

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Franklin County				
Whatley.....	249	510	21	780
TOTALS.....	249	510	21	780

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 ten by an amount equal to \$170,000.00?

In the Town of West Newbury

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County				
West Newbury.....	1,681	445	124	2,250
TOTALS.....	1,681	445	124	2,250

QUESTION 4

Shall the City of Northampton 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 partially finance the construction of a new Police Facility up to \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars)?

In the City of Northampton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampshire County				
NORTHAMPTON.....	6,647	4,528	892	12,067
TOTALS.....	6,647	4,528	892	12,067

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Hanson 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 Whitman-Hanson Regional School District for the purpose of paying costs of a feasibility study to understand the best solution to the physical and educational deficiencies of the Maquan Elementary School, located at 38 School Street, Hanson, Massachusetts, which options shall include, but not be limited to renovating, reconstructing, expanding, remodeling and adding to the Maquan Elementary School, or any combination of the foregoing, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Plymouth County				
Hanson	2,162	1,903	324	4,389
TOTALS	2,162	1,903	324	4,389

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Hardwick be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for bonds issued in order to pay for the Towns' apportioned share of the Quabbin Regional School District Educational Support Center Construction Project?

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Hardwick	451	484	79	1,014
TOTALS	451	484	79	1,014

QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Hardwick be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for bonds issued in order to pay for upgrades to the Hardwick Center Water System Reconstruction Project?

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Hardwick	454	488	72	1,014
TOTALS	454	488	72	1,014

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Northbridge be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to design and construct a Department of Public Works facility?

In the Town of Northbridge

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Northbridge.....	2,053	2,886	611	5,550
TOTALS.....	2,053	2,886	611	5,550

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Boxford 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 costs of architectural, engineering, permitting, bidding, renovation, construction, equipping and all other related expenses to renovate, expand and construct a new Boxford Village Library located at 10 Elm Street, said design and construction generally in accordance with the approved 2004 library construction grant application which will provide up to \$2,784,000 in state reimbursement?

In the Town of Boxford

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County				
Boxford.....	2,142	2,034	77	4,253
TOTALS.....	2,142	2,034	77	4,253