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Norfolk District	Democratic Primary					Republican Primary				State Election			
	William P. O'Donnell of Norwood	Anthony T. McDonnell of Quincy	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	William P. O'Donnell of Norwood Democratic	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Avon	181	63	1	21	266	-	7	53	60	1,728	11	714	2,453
Bellingham	263	58	-	26	347	-	20	87	107	5,563	46	2,273	7,882
Braintree	1,410	781	1	137	2,329	-	42	336	378	12,131	87	6,043	18,261
Brookline	1,124	324	2	274	1,724	-	5	271	276	18,342	61	8,631	27,034
Canton	896	160	1	115	1,172	-	4	329	333	7,599	7	3,901	11,507
Cohasset	91	40	-	13	144	-	11	87	98	2,924	24	1,578	4,526
Dedham	1,757	208	-	221	2,186	-	3	101	104	8,130	-	4,345	12,475
Dover	107	15	-	11	133	-	18	145	163	2,010	34	1,319	3,363
Foxborough	291	45	-	17	353	-	8	247	255	6,135	24	2,619	8,778
Franklin	813	129	-	146	1,088	-	49	277	326	10,508	86	4,886	15,480
Holbrook	326	159	-	19	504	-	6	93	99	3,828	5	1,568	5,401
Medfield	217	27	-	23	267	-	3	160	163	4,692	10	2,262	6,964
Medway	439	56	10	43	548	-	22	76	98	4,590	41	2,175	6,806
Millis	400	30	-	91	521	-	8	203	211	3,097	25	1,318	4,440
Milton	1,669	809	3	313	2,794	-	38	129	167	9,238	10	5,693	14,941
Needham	2,268	252	1	911	3,432	-	8	502	510	10,648	82	6,175	16,905
Norfolk	467	65	1	109	642	-	41	539	580	3,380	38	1,637	5,055
Norwood	1,990	157	1	58	2,206	-	37	115	152	10,129	58	3,829	14,016
Plainville	253	35	-	35	323	-	1	176	177	2,935	11	1,036	3,982
QUINCY	4,134	3,062	10	493	7,699	-	164	661	825	29,268	244	8,670	38,182
Randolph	1,157	558	1	201	1,917	-	37	85	122	9,564	53	3,872	13,489
Sharon	280	56	-	56	392	-	8	67	75	6,669	31	3,108	9,808
Stoughton	860	212	1	93	1,166	-	17	205	222	9,368	17	4,002	13,387
Walpole	834	86	-	30	950	-	55	366	421	8,767	58	3,956	12,781
Wellesley	766	131	1	353	1,251	-	35	239	274	8,832	58	5,331	14,221
Westwood	445	47	-	37	529	-	-	51	51	5,177	24	3,166	8,367
Weymouth	1,405	983	-	119	2,507	-	7	627	634	19,823	176	6,625	26,624
Wrentham	375	41	-	70	486	-	42	360	402	3,948	38	1,714	5,700
TOTALS	**25,218**	**8,589**	**34**	**4,035**	**37,876**	**-**	**696**	**6,587**	**7,283**	**229,023**	**1,359**	**102,446**	**332,828**

QUESTION 1

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

SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act ("Act"), establish a dedicated funding source to: acquire, create and preserve open space, land for recreational use, and community housing; acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore such open space, land for recreational use and community housing acquired or created as provided under said Act. In Hadley, the Act will be funded by an additional surcharge of three percent on the annual tax levy on real property and by matching funds provided by the state. The following exemptions from such surcharge, permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act, will apply: Property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the town; and $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. The surcharge to be paid by a taxpayer receiving an abatement of real property authorized by chapter 59 or any other law will be reduced in proportion to such abatement. A Community Preservation Committee, created pursuant to bylaw, will make recommendations on the use of the funds. Town Meeting must approve any such recommendation before funds can be expended to acquire any particular parcel of land. All expenditures pursuant to the Act will be subject to an annual audit.

In the Town of Hadley

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampshire County				
Hadley	1,746	977	362	3,085
TOTALS	**1,746**	**977**	**362**	**3,085**

QUESTION 1

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

In the City of Easthampton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampshire County				
Easthampton	3,379	4,709	247	8,335
TOTALS	**3,379**	**4,709**	**247**	**8,335**

QUESTION 1

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

In the Town of Mashpee

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County				
Mashpee	5,091	2,236	467	7,794
TOTALS	**5,091**	**2,236**	**467**	**7,794**

QUESTION 1

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

SUMMARY

Sections 3 through 7 of chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act (the "Act"), establish a dedicated funding source to enable cities and towns to: (1) acquire open space, which includes land for park and recreational uses and the protection of public drinking water well fields, aquifers and recharge areas, wetlands, farm land, forests, marshes, beaches, scenic areas, wildlife preserves and other conservation areas; (2) acquire and restore historic buildings and sites; and (3) create affordable housing.

In Sharon, the funding source for these community preservation purposes will be a surcharge of 1% on the annual property tax assessed on real property and annual distributions made by the state from a trust fund created by the Act. If approved, the following will be exempt from the surcharge: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or moderate income senior housing in the Town, as defined in Section 2 of the Act; (2) $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in surcharge.

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

In the Town of Sharon

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Norfolk County				
Sharon	4,960	3,691	1,157	9,808
TOTALS	**4,960**	**3,691**	**1,157**	**9,808**

QUESTION 1

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

SUMMARY

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

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

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

In the Town of Needham

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Norfolk County				
Needham	12,657	2,212	2,036	16,905
TOTALS	**12,657**	**2,212**	**2,036**	**16,905**

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Athol be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to upgrade and renovate the municipal sewer treatment plant and appurtenances?
In the Town of Athol

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Athol	2,106	2,193	358	4,657
TOTALS	**2,106**	**2,193**	**358**	**4,657**

QUESTION 1

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

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Norfolk County				
Franklin	7,037	8,185	258	15,480
TOTALS	**7,037**	**8,185**	**258**	**15,480**

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Mendon be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to acquire the Fino property located off North Ave., and Milford St., Mendon, Worcester County, Massachusetts?
In the Town of Mendon

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Mendon	2,025	904	121	3,050
TOTALS	**2,025**	**904**	**121**	**3,050**

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Orleans be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to cap the Town land fill, including all expenses incidental and related thereto?
In the Town of Orleans

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County				
Orleans	2,985	1,062	656	4,703
TOTALS	**2,985**	**1,062**	**656**	**4,703**

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Holden be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to construct and equip a Public Safety Building on property at 1384 Main Street, including the costs of architectural, engineering, property acquisition, demolitions services and temporary facilities and other costs incidental and related thereto?

In the Town of Holden

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Holden	4,318	4,932	594	9,844
TOTALS	**4,318**	**4,932**	**594**	**9,844**

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Grafton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to fund additional borrowing to construct a new Fire Station at 25 Worcester Street and a new Police Station at 26 Providence Road?

In the Town of Grafton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Grafton	3,702	3,637	742	8,081
TOTALS	**3,702**	**3,637**	**742**	**8,081**

QUESTION 1

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

In the Town of Wellesley

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Norfolk County				
Wellesley	3,123	9,777	1,321	14,221
TOTALS	**3,123**	**9,777**	**1,321**	**14,221**

QUESTION 1

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

SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act (Act), allow communities to establish a dedicated funding source, and to receive state matching funds, with which to (1) acquire, create, and preserve open space, which includes, but is not limited to, farmland, forests and marshes, and other conservation land; (2) acquire, preserve, rehabilitate, and restore historic buildings and sites; (3) create, preserve, and support affordable housing; and (4) acquire, create, and preserve land for recreational use. The dedicated funds may also be used to rehabilitate and restore open space, community housing, and recreational land acquired or created under the Act.

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

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

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

In the Town of Concord

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

In the Town of Lancaster

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Lancaster	1,607	1,623	169	3,399
TOTALS	**1,607**	**1,623**	**169**	**3,399**

QUESTION 1

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

SUMMARY

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

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

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

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

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
Concord	5,347	3,724	1,134	10,205
TOTALS	**5,347**	**3,724**	**1,134**	**10,205**

QUESTION 1

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

SUMMARY

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

A YES VOTE would: (1) accept Sections 280-282 of chapter 149 of the Acts of 2004 authorizing the Town to provide a substantial accidental death benefit to Claire B. McNamara, widow of firefighter Martin H. McNamara V; (2) approve a special one-year override of the limitation imposed by G.L. c.59, §21C, Proposition 2 1/2, so called, in the amount of $650,000 for the purchase of an annuity to pay the accidental death benefit; and (3) ratify Town Meeting's contingent appropriation of such funds.

A NO VOTE would: (1) reject Sections 280-282 of chapter 149 of the Acts also be exempt. Any taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement will also receive a corresponding reduction in the Community Preservation Act surcharge. Any taxpayer receiving an exemption of real property authorized by law shall be exempt from the surcharge under the Act.

In the Town of Groton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
Groton	2,869	2,554	428	5,851
TOTALS	**2,869**	**2,554**	**428**	**5,851**

QUESTION 2

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

SUMMARY

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

In the Town of Needham

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Norfolk County				
Needham	8,893	6,591	1,421	16,905
TOTALS	**8,893**	**6,591**	**1,421**	**16,905**

QUESTION 1

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

SUMMARY

Sections 3 through 7 of chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act, establish a dedicated funding source to acquire and preserve open space, parks and conservation land, protect public drinking water supplies, and scenic areas, protect farm land and forests from future development, restore and preserve historic properties, and help meet local families housing needs. In Middleton, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by an additional excise of one percent (1%) on the annual tax levy on real property and by matching funds provided by the state. EXCLUSIONS: If approved, the following would be exempt from the surcharge: the first $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. A Community Preservation Committee composed of local citizens will make recommendations on the use of funds and all expenditures will be subject to an annual audit.

In the Town of Middleton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County				
Middleton	2,602	958	267	3,827
TOTALS	**2,602**	**958**	**267**	**3,827**

QUESTION 1

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

SUMMARY

Acceptances of section 298 of Chapter of the Acts of 2004 means the Community Preservation Act shall effectively replace the Cape Cod Open Space Land Acquisition Program. There shall be no additional excise on real property levied, other than the current 3 per cent levied for the provisions of A Community Preservation Committee will be established by Town By-Law to study community preservation resources, possibilities and needs and to make annual recommendations to Town Meeting on spending the funds. At least 10% of the funds for each fiscal year will be spent or reserved for later spending on each of the Act's three community preservation purposes: (1) open space (excluding land for recreational use), (2) historic resources and (3) affordable housing.

In the Town of Hanover

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Plymouth County				
Hanover	3,638	3,151	833	7,622
TOTALS	**3,638**	**3,151**	**833**	**7,622**

QUESTION 1

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

SUMMARY

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

In the Town of Dudley

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

In the Town of Barnstable

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County				
Barnstable	17,597	4,931	3,026	25,554
TOTALS	**17,597**	**4,931**	**3,026**	**25,554**

QUESTION 1

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

SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also know as the Community Preservation Act establishes a dedicated funding source to cities and towns to (1) acquire open space, which includes land for park and recreational uses and the protection of public drinking water well fields, aquifers and recharge areas, wetlands, farm land, forests, marshes, beaches, scenic areas, wildlife preserves and other conservation areas, (2) acquire and restore historic buildings and sites, and (3) create affordable housing.

In the Town of Hanover, Massachusetts, the funding source for these community preservation purposes will be a surcharge of 3% on the annual property tax assessed on real property and annual distributions made by the state from a trust fund created by the Act. If approved, the following will be exempt from the surcharge: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by any persons who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town of Hanover, as defined in Section 2 of said Act; (2) $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in surcharge.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Dudley	1,896	2,738	225	4,859
TOTALS	**1,896**	**2,738**	**225**	**4,859**

QUESTION 1

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

In the Town of Carlisle

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
Carlisle	1,026	2,000	118	3,144
TOTALS	**1,026**	**2,000**	**118**	**3,144**

Total

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

In the Town of Carlisle

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
Carlisle	1,767	1,286	91	3,144
TOTALS	**1,767**	**1,286**	**91**	**3,144**

QUESTION 1

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

SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act, established as a dedicated source to acquire and preserve open space, parks, and conservation land, protect public drinking water supplies and scenic areas, protect farmland and forests from future development, restore and preserve historic properties, and help meet local families' housing needs.

In Wilbraham, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by a surcharge of 1.5% on the annual property tax assessed on real property and by matching funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts distributed on an annual basis in the 2005 Fiscal Year from a state trust fund established pursuant to the Community Preservation Act.

The following abatements or exemptions shall be permitted:

1) Property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or moderate income senior housing in the Town of Wilbraham, as defined in Section 2 of the Community Preservation Act;

2) $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property; and

3) Any other abatements or exemptions allowed by local and state law.

Any other taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption would receive a corresponding full or partial reduction in the surcharge.

A Community Preservation Committee which has been established by annual town meeting and local bylaw would study community preservation resources, possibilities, and needs to make recommendations to town meeting on spending the funds. At least 10% of the funds for each Fiscal Year will be spent or reserved for later spending on open space, historic resources, and affordable housing.

In the Town of Wilbraham

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampden County				
Wilbraham	4,399	3,111	730	8,240
TOTALS	**4,399**	**3,111**	**730**	**8,240**

QUESTION 1

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

In the Town of Harvard

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Harvard	2,487	839	79	3,405
TOTALS	**2,487**	**839**	**79**	**3,405**

QUESTION 1

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

SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act, establish a dedicated source to acquire and preserve open space, parks, and conservation land, protect public drinking water supplies and scenic areas, protect farmland and forests from future development, restore and preserve historic properties, and help meet local families' housing needs. In Northborough, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by an additional surcharge of 1.5% on the annual property tax assessed on real property beginning in the 2006 Fiscal Year, and by matching funds provided by the state. The following exemptions shall be permitted:

1) Property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low-income housing or low or moderate-income senior housing in the Town, as defined in Section 2 of said Act;

2) $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property.

Any other taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a corresponding full or partial reduction in the surcharge. A Community Preservation Committee will be established by local bylaw to study community preservation resources, possibilities, and needs and to make recommendation to Town Meeting on spending the funds. At least 10% of the funds for each fiscal year will be spent or reserved for later spending on each of the Act's three community preservation purposes: open space, historic resources, and affordable housing.

In the Town of Northborough

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Northborough	4,450	2,766	531	7,747
**TOTALS..... **	**4,450**	**2,766**	**531**	**7,747**

QUESTION 1 OR 2
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

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

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
First Berkshire District				
Adams	2,944	600	529	4,073
Charlemont	542	78	52	672
Clarksburg	623	161	93	877
Florida	285	67	53	405
Hawley	158	22	15	195
Heath	316	72	46	434
Monroe	42	7	13	62
NORTH ADAMS	4,191	833	996	6,020
Rowe	180	54	19	253
Savoy	267	51	24	342
Williamstown	2,458	733	575	3,766
TOTALS	**12,006**	**2,678**	**2,415**	**17,099**
Second Berkshire District				
Ashfield	832	161	111	1,104
Becket	543	108	197	848
Bernardston	899	146	191	1,236
Buckland	742	134	160	1,036
Cheshire	1,324	305	202	1,831
Colrain	668	113	95	876
Cummington	402	86	61	549
Dalton	2,249	647	636	3,532
Hancock	277	71	51	399
Hinsdale	782	176	114	1,072
Lanesborough	1,085	298	242	1,625
Leyden	356	62	44	462
Middlefield	223	49	30	302
New Ashford	111	25	12	148
Northfield	1,264	279	198	1,741

QUESTION 1, 2 OR 3
THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

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

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Fourth Bristol District				
Norton	1,351	188	327	1,866
Rehoboth	4,272	578	829	5,679
Seekonk	5,231	767	1,142	7,140
Swansea	4,997	711	1,017	6,725
TOTALS	**15,851**	**2,244**	**3,315**	**21,410**
Fifth Bristol District				
Dighton	2,488	318	467	3,273
Somerset	7,428	1,119	1,620	10,167
Swansea	1,235	172	277	1,684
TAUNTON	3,089	358	1,397	4,844
TOTALS	**14,240**	**1,967**	**3,761**	**19,968**
Sixth Essex District				
BEVERLY	15,009	2,589	2,079	19,677
TOTALS	**15,009**	**2,589**	**2,079**	**19,677**
Seventh Essex District				
SALEM	13,081	2,547	2,512	18,140
TOTALS	**13,081**	**2,547**	**2,512**	**18,140**
Thirteenth Essex District				
Danvers	10,375	1,728	1,234	13,337
PEABODY	3,363	616	491	4,470
Topsfield	2,914	457	362	3,733
TOTALS	**16,652**	**2,801**	**2,087**	**21,540**

Peru	289	67	50	406
PITTSFIELD	1,100	361	214	1,675
Plainfield	276	62	36	374
Richmond	672	227	101	1,000
Shelburne	879	136	144	1,159
Washington	217	78	26	321
Windsor	368	106	56	530
TOTALS	**15,558**	**3,697**	**2,971**	**22,226**

Third Berkshire District

PITTSFIELD	11,215	3,926	2,359	17,500
TOTALS	**11,215**	**3,926**	**2,359**	**17,500**

Fourth Berkshire District

Alford	207	53	43	303
Blandford	515	76	78	669
Chester	520	74	72	666
Egremont	568	161	83	812
Great Barrington	2,469	714	572	3,755
Lee	2,020	592	447	3,059
Lenox	1,968	661	461	3,090
Monterey	373	114	59	546
Mount Washington	95	9	4	108
New Marlborough	612	141	75	828
Otis	548	111	94	753
PITTSFIELD	898	284	210	1,392
Sandisfield	290	68	60	418
Sheffield	1,276	309	243	1,828
Stockbridge	783	240	237	1,260
Tolland	177	20	41	238
Tyringham	161	63	42	266
West Stockbridge	592	187	127	906
TOTALS	**14,072**	**3,877**	**2,948**	**20,897**

First Hampshire District

Hatfield	1,595	272	226	2,093
Montgomery	368	49	54	471
NORTHAMPTON	10,804	2,575	2,116	15,495
Southampton	2,413	362	407	3,182
Westhampton	777	159	71	1,007
TOTALS	**15,957**	**3,417**	**2,874**	**22,248**

Fourteenth Essex District

LAWRENCE	3,910	497	1,397	5,804
North Andover	7,473	1,057	1,465	9,995
TOTALS	**11,383**	**1,554**	**2,862**	**15,799**

Seventeenth Essex District

Andover	8,569	1,178	1,563	11,310
LAWRENCE	2,391	278	781	3,450
Tewksbury	3,035	379	579	3,993
TOTALS	**13,995**	**1,835**	**2,923**	**18,753**

First Franklin District

Belchertown	2,286	385	538	3,209
Chesterfield	474	95	104	673
Conway	872	173	149	1,194
Deerfield	2,227	405	394	3,026
Goshen	408	86	84	578
Huntington	484	336	246	1,066
Leverett	788	191	190	1,169
Montague	2,986	624	588	4,198
New Salem	428	79	83	590
Pelham	567	140	157	864
Shutesbury	794	189	189	1,172
Sunderland	1,226	249	278	1,753
Wendell	370	90	74	534
Whately	663	127	145	935
Williamsburg	1,136	202	247	1,585
Worthington	547	117	123	787
TOTALS	**16,256**	**3,488**	**3,589**	**23,333**

Second Franklin District

Athol	3,479	742	436	4,657
Erving	585	90	106	781
Gill	676	143	95	914
Greenfield	6,296	1,140	1,131	8,567
Orange	2,449	342	389	3,180
Warwick	277	68	53	398
TOTALS	**13,762**	**2,525**	**2,210**	**18,497**

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

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
First Hampden District				
Brimfield	1,420	198	227	1,845
Holland	861	113	193	1,167
Palmer	4,272	607	1,202	6,081
Sturbridge	3,558	449	676	4,683
Wales	674	103	119	896
Ware	2,248	284	565	3,097
Warren	1,641	227	324	2,192
TOTALS	**14,674**	**1,981**	**3,306**	**19,961**
Third Hampden District				
Agawam	9,942	1,342	2,747	14,031
Granville	639	96	104	839
Russell	589	103	100	792
Southwick	3,361	449	699	4,509
TOTALS	**14,531**	**1,990**	**3,650**	**20,171**
Ninth Hampden District				
CHICOPEE	841	103	225	1,169
SPRINGFIELD	8,155	1,092	3,831	13,078
TOTALS	**8,996**	**1,195**	**4,056**	**14,247**
Second Hampshire District				
Easthampton	6,035	1,214	1,086	8,335
Hadley	2,137	455	493	3,085
South Hadley	6,458	850	1,326	8,634
TOTALS	**14,630**	**2,519**	**2,905**	**20,054**
First Middlesex District				
Ayer	2,307	313	365	2,985
Dunstable	1,445	173	139	1,757
Groton	4,257	826	768	5,851
Pepperell	4,621	543	753	5,917
Townsend	3,595	526	557	4,678
TOTALS	**16,225**	**2,381**	**2,582**	**21,188**

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

Fourth Middlesex District

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

Fifth Middlesex District

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

Twentieth Middlesex District

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

Twenty-Second Middlesex District

Billerica	14,188	1,721	2,313	18,222
TOTALS	**14,188**	**1,721**	**2,313**	**18,222**

Twenty-Third Middlesex District

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

Thirty-First Middlesex District

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

Thirty-Second Middlesex District

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

Sixth Worcester District

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

Eleventh Worcester District

Shrewsbury	12,145	1,707	2,731	16,583
Westborough	2,478	357	553	3,388
TOTALS	**14,623**	**2,064**	**3,284**	**19,971**

Twelfth Worcester District

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

Seventeenth Worcester District

Leicester	3,881	565	722	5,168
WORCESTER	7,166	423	693	8,282
TOTALS	**11,047**	**988**	**1,415**	**13,450**