QUESTION 2

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 6, 2008?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties, to be enforced by issuing citations, and would exclude information regarding this civil offense from the state's criminal record information system. Offenders age 18 or older would be subject to forfeiture of the marijuana plus a civil penalty of $100. Offenders under the age of 18 would be subject to the same forfeiture and, if they complete a drug awareness program within one year of the offense, the same $100 penalty.

Offenders under 18 and their parents or legal guardian would be notified of the offense and the option for the offender to complete a drug awareness program developed by the state Department of Youth Services. Such programs would include ten hours of community service and at least four hours of instruction or group discussion concerning the use and abuse of marijuana and other drugs and emphasizing early detection and prevention of substance abuse.

The penalty for offenders under 18 who fail to complete such a program within one year could be increased to as much as $1,000, unless the offender showed an inability to pay, an inability to participate in such a program, or the unavailability of such a program. Such an offender's parents could also be held liable for the increased penalty. Failure by an offender under 17 to complete such a program could also be a basis for a delinquency proceeding.

The proposed law would define possession of one ounce or less of marijuana as including possession of one ounce or less of tetrahydrocannibinol ("THC"), or having metabolized products of marijuana or THC in one's body.

Under the proposed law, possessing an ounce or less of marijuana could not be grounds for state or local government entities imposing any other penalty, sanction, or disqualification, such as denying student financial aid, public housing, public financial assistance including unemployment benefits, the right to operate a motor vehicle, or the opportunity to serve as a foster or adoptive parent. The proposed law would allow local ordinances or bylaws that prohibit the public use of marijuana, and would not affect existing laws, practices, or policies concerning operating a motor vehicle or taking other actions while under the influence of marijuana, unlawful possession of prescription forms of marijuana, or selling, manufacturing, or trafficking in marijuana.

The money received from the new civil penalties would go to the city or town where the offense occurred.

A YES VOTE would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties.

A NO VOTE would make no change in state criminal laws concerning possession of marijuana.

Aggregate of Votes

	Yes	%	No	%	Blanks	%	Total Ballots
BARNSTABLE	**84,528**	**63.27%**	**44,847**	**33.57%**	**4,225**	**3.16%**	**133,600**
BERKSHIRE	**37,109**	**55.73%**	**27,394**	**41.14%**	**2,090**	**3.14%**	**66,593**
BRISTOL	**140,934**	**57.31%**	**93,263**	**37.93%**	**11,715**	**4.76%**	**245,912**
DUKES	**7,815**	**73.66%**	**2,181**	**20.56%**	**613**	**5.78%**	**10,609**
ESSEX	**218,437**	**61.35%**	**126,533**	**35.54%**	**11,101**	**3.12%**	**356,071**
FRANKLIN	**26,621**	**68.48%**	**11,497**	**29.58%**	**756**	**1.94%**	**38,874**
HAMPDEN	**119,655**	**60.09%**	**70,707**	**35.51%**	**8,751**	**4.39%**	**199,113**
HAMPSHIRE	**56,156**	**70.16%**	**22,240**	**27.79%**	**1,642**	**2.05%**	**80,038**
MIDDLESEX	**476,457**	**65.22%**	**230,981**	**31.62%**	**23,052**	**3.16%**	**730,490**
NANTUCKET	**4,523**	**74.38%**	**1,351**	**22.22%**	**207**	**3.40%**	**6,081**
NORFOLK	**217,409**	**62.59%**	**119,239**	**34.33%**	**10,706**	**3.08%**	**347,354**
PLYMOUTH	**155,637**	**61.87%**	**89,482**	**35.57%**	**6,420**	**2.55%**	**251,539**
SUFFOLK	**173,152**	**63.97%**	**75,477**	**27.88%**	**22,044**	**8.14%**	**270,673**
WORCESTER	**231,271**	**63.18%**	**123,331**	**33.69%**	**11,446**	**3.13%**	**366,048**
TOTALS	**1,949,704**	**62.83%**	**1,038,523**	**33.47%**	**114,768**	**3.70%**	**3,102,995**

Barnstable County

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable	16,210	8,562	437	25,209
Bourne	6,424	3,468	287	10,179
Brewster	4,310	2,099	258	6,667
Chatham	3,089	1,604	109	4,802
Dennis	5,930	3,409	234	9,573
Eastham	2,511	1,266	66	3,843
Falmouth	12,259	6,613	814	19,686
Harwich	4,858	2,952	333	8,143
Mashpee	5,068	2,804	277	8,149
Orleans	3,015	1,517	132	4,664
Provincetown	1,942	339	98	2,379
Sandwich	7,568	4,264	676	12,508
Truro	1,098	316	32	1,446
Wellfleet	1,697	451	65	2,213
Yarmouth	8,549	5,183	407	14,139
TOTALS	**84,528**	**44,847**	**4,225**	**133,600**

Berkshire County

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Adams	2,140	1,848	111	4,099
Alford	198	90	35	323
Becket	661	272	26	959
Cheshire	1,037	809	50	1,896
Clarksburg	423	454	28	905
Dalton	1,926	1,541	100	3,567
Egremont	577	220	50	847
Florida	245	174	11	430
Great Barrington	711	2,901	162	3,774
Hancock	217	164	18	399
Hinsdale	648	435	23	1,106
Lanesborough	954	663	65	1,682
Lee	1,791	1,195	54	3,040
Lenox	1,785	1,175	91	3,051
Monterey	412	155	20	587
Mount Washington	90	20	8	118
New Ashford	94	41	10	145

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Berkshire County (cont.)				
New Marlborough	541	254	43	838
NORTH ADAMS	3,403	2,365	180	5,948
Otis	562	276	21	859
Peru	298	159	12	469
PITTSFIELD	11,493	8,636	608	20,737
Richmond	620	343	12	975
Sandisfield	289	136	23	448
Savoy	236	166	2	404
Sheffield	1,205	599	101	1,905
Stockbridge	842	364	47	1,253
Tyringham	171	97	12	280
Washington	220	124	7	351
West Stockbridge	594	289	20	903
Williamstown	2,396	1,214	128	3,738
Windsor	330	215	12	557
TOTALS	**37,109**	**27,394**	**2,090**	**66,593**
Bristol County				
Acushnet	2,972	2,395	226	5,593
ATTLEBORO	11,729	6,761	595	19,085
Berkley	1,970	1,138	167	3,275
Dartmouth	9,682	6,628	500	16,810
Dighton	2,065	1,457	76	3,598
Easton	7,326	4,496	238	12,060
Fairhaven	4,970	3,265	273	8,508
FALL RIVER	16,733	12,145	2,950	31,828
Freetown	2,930	1,799	109	4,838
Mansfield	7,125	4,103	454	11,682
NEW BEDFORD	18,935	12,934	2,458	34,327
North Attleborough	8,883	5,008	392	14,283
Norton	5,691	3,070	202	8,963
Raynham	3,988	2,835	253	7,076
Rehoboth	3,779	2,291	230	6,300
Seekonk	4,222	2,816	380	7,418
Somerset	5,514	4,226	563	10,303
Swansea	4,856	3,391	316	8,563
TAUNTON	12,485	9,251	996	22,732

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County (cont.)				
Salisbury	2,779	1,364	79	4,222
Saugus	7,903	5,251	350	13,504
Swampscott	5,449	2,574	168	8,191
Topsfield	2,340	1,348	171	3,859
Wenham	1,393	903	49	2,345
West Newbury	1,811	917	44	2,772
TOTALS	**218,437**	**126,533**	**11,101**	**356,071**
Franklin County				
Ashfield	841	266	29	1,136
Bernardston	745	427	73	1,245
Buckland	728	318	32	1,078
Charlemont	477	206	11	694
Colrain	634	296	13	943
Conway	961	277	20	1,258
Deerfield	2,016	1,014	45	3,075
Erving	496	294	16	806
Gill	600	310	9	919
Greenfield	5,786	2,603	182	8,571
Hawley	126	49	1	176
Heath	305	131	8	444
Leverett	991	243	22	1,256
Leyden	316	151	8	475
Monroe	37	22	1	60
Montague	2,943	1,369	73	4,385
New Salem	430	178	10	618
Northfield	1,093	604	48	1,745
Orange	2,224	1,109	54	3,387
Rowe	158	100	6	264
Shelburne	859	322	31	1,212
Shutesbury	1,027	195	10	1,232
Sunderland	1,381	477	22	1,880
Warwick	298	142	13	453
Wendell	486	75	7	568
Whately	663	319	12	994
TOTALS	**26,621**	**11,497**	**756**	**38,874**

Westport	5,079	3,254	337	8,670
TOTALS	**140,934**	**93,263**	**11,715**	**245,912**

Dukes County

Aquinnah	257	41	15	313
Chilmark	586	126	30	742
Edgartown	1,711	586	175	2,472
Gosnold	58	15	7	80
Oak Bluffs	1,888	647	153	2,688
Tisbury	1,842	496	102	2,440
West Tisbury	1,473	270	131	1,874
TOTALS	**7,815**	**2,181**	**613**	**10,609**

Essex County

Amesbury	5,832	2,585	154	8,571
Andover	11,316	6,678	350	18,344
BEVERLY	13,431	6,788	395	20,614
Boxford	3,194	1,727	60	4,981
Danvers	8,665	5,204	181	14,050
Essex	1,529	637	43	2,209
Georgetown	2,993	1,698	55	4,746
GLOUCESTER	10,391	4,756	537	15,684
Groveland	2,407	1,410	50	3,867
Hamilton	2,916	1,734	78	4,728
HAVERHILL	17,157	9,259	722	27,138
Ipswich	5,384	2,640	143	8,167
LAWRENCE	7,865	8,633	3,162	19,660
LYNN	17,987	11,011	958	29,956
Lynnfield	3,848	3,040	96	6,984
Manchester-by-the-Sea	2,286	1,091	44	,421
Marblehead	8,276	3,960	224	12,460
Merrimac	2,358	1,185	38	3,581
Methuen	12,355	7,994	760	21,109
Middleton	2,683	1,608	77	4,368
Nahant	1,554	703	57	2,314
Newbury	2,901	1,361	67	4,329
NEWBURYPORT	7,261	3,483	200	10,944
North Andover	9,300	5,464	298	15,062
PEABODY	14,842	10,768	831	26,441
Rockport	3,163	1,408	114	4,685
Rowley	2,223	1,192	34	3,449
SALEM	12,645	6,159	512	19,316

Hampden County

Agawam	8,577	5,654	279	14,510
Blandford	437	254	10	701
Brimfield	1,335	674	40	2,049
Chester	461	243	5	709
CHICOPEE	14,003	8,867	608	23,478
East Longmeadow	4,961	3,503	176	8,640
Granville	572	287	20	879
Hampden	1,743	1,174	77	2,994
Holland	944	382	15	1,341
HOLYOKE	9,088	5,478	957	15,523
Longmeadow	6,134	3,341	199	9,674
Ludlow	5,801	3,837	338	9,976
Monson	2,950	1,430	120	4,500
Montgomery	344	166	5	515
Palmer	3,633	2,160	143	5,936
Russell	527	281	8	816
Southwick	3,038	1,766	90	4,894
SPRINGFIELD	31,305	15,999	4,817	52,121
Tolland	177	95	4	276
Wales	741	269	10	1,020
West Springfield	7,298	4,735	256	12,289
WESTFIELD	10,636	6,674	378	17,688
Wilbraham	4,950	3,438	196	8,584
TOTALS	**119,655**	**70,707**	**8,751**	**199,113**

Hampshire County

Amherst	10,357	2,230	350	12,937
Belchertown	5,086	2,525	122	7,733
Chesterfield	537	190	9	736
Cummington	405	126	10	541
Easthampton	6,155	2,631	143	8,929
Goshen	412	195	5	612
Granby	2,204	1,319	61	3,584
Hadley	2,000	1,024	79	3,103
Hatfield	1,333	770	19	2,122
Huntington	775	358	10	1,143
Middlefield	213	83	4	300
NORTHAMPTON	12,556	3,409	376	16,341
Pelham	709	172	16	897
Plainfield	298	93	4	395
South Hadley	5,578	3,375	157	9,110
Southampton	2,114	1,276	38	3,428
Ware	2,840	1,530	185	4,555

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampshire County (cont.)				
Westhampton	739	357	18	1,114
Williamsburg	1,302	372	26	1,700
Worthington	543	205	10	758
TOTALS	**56,156**	**22,240**	**1,642**	**80,038**
Middlesex County				
Acton	7,774	3,623	238	11,635
Arlington	17,310	7,594	584	25,488
Ashby	1,227	621	33	1,881
Ashland	5,778	2,608	94	8,480
Ayer	2,308	1,009	77	3,394
Bedford	4,758	2,506	171	7,435
Belmont	8,960	4,478	374	13,812
Billerica	12,714	6,590	242	19,546
Boxborough	68	1,802	996	2,866
Burlington	7,693	4,895	267	12,855
CAMBRIDGE	35,533	9,169	2,025	46,727
Carlisle	2,252	952	42	3,246
Chelmsford	12,114	7,109	360	19,583
Concord	7,132	3,165	285	10,582
Dracut	8,969	5,592	323	14,884
Dunstable	1,285	562	19	1,866
EVERETT	7,483	4,578	922	12,983
Framingham	18,070	8,314	701	27,085
Groton	4,127	1,837	173	6,137
Holliston	5,625	2,553	92	8,270
Hopkinton	5,405	2,862	127	8,394
Hudson	6,498	3,018	310	9,826
Lexington	11,868	5,575	519	17,962
Lincoln	2,515	902	79	3,496
Littleton	3,376	1,753	67	5,196
LOWELL	19,373	10,523	2,009	31,905
MALDEN	12,642	6,805	1,181	20,628
MARLBOROUGH	9,897	6,032	458	16,387
Maynard	3,876	1,691	107	5,674
MEDFORD	17,139	8,876	1,049	27,064

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Norfolk County (cont.)				
Medway	4,733	2,202	91	7,026
Millis	3,013	1,512	83	4,608
Milton	9,426	5,554	611	15,591
Needham	11,117	5,764	455	17,336
Norfolk	3,452	1,838	77	5,367
Norwood	8,661	5,262	494	14,417
Plainville	2,776	1,404	117	4,297
QUINCY	24,134	14,077	1,654	39,865
Randolph	8,830	4,998	754	14,582
Sharon	6,968	2,923	283	10,174
Stoughton	8,447	4,706	483	13,636
Walpole	8,362	5,090	203	13,655
Wellesley	8,963	5,082	515	14,560
Westwood	5,070	3,303	402	8,775
Weymouth	17,043	10,394	493	27,930
Wrentham	4,033	2,050	88	6,171
TOTALS	**217,409**	**119,239**	**10,706**	**347,354**
Plymouth County				
Abington	5,034	2,942	121	8,097
Bridgewater	7,007	4,832	271	12,110
BROCKTON	19,790	11,642	2,321	33,753
Carver	3,801	2,177	199	6,177
Duxbury	5,916	3,371	163	9,450
East Bridgewater	4,382	2,724	118	7,224
Halifax	2,634	1,409	54	4,097
Hanover	4,820	3,233	119	8,172
Hanson	3,405	2,006	71	5,482
Hingham	8,110	5,152	226	13,488
Hull	4,212	1,663	88	5,963
Kingston	4,163	2,467	106	6,736
Lakeville	3,460	2,167	106	5,733
Marion	2,027	1,024	83	3,134
Marshfield	9,274	5,113	217	14,604
Mattapoisett	2,460	1,493	94	4,047
Middleborough	7,099	3,900	442	11,441
Norwell	3,829	2,405	110	6,344

MELROSE	9,670	5,317	418	15,405
Natick	12,046	5,503	606	18,155
NEWTON	31,421	11,953	1,346	44,720
North Reading	5,040	3,269	151	8,460
Pepperell	4,356	1,899	81	6,336
Reading	8,444	5,098	318	13,860
Sherborn	1,832	834	39	2,705
Shirley	2,058	882	204	3,144
SOMERVILLE	24,475	7,070	1,516	33,061
Stoneham	7,316	4,577	263	12,156
Stow	2,726	1,247	51	4,024
Sudbury	6,985	3,172	170	10,327
Tewksbury	9,648	5,835	263	15,746
Townsend	3,289	1,710	61	5,060
Tyngsborough	3,757	2,299	105	6,161
Wakefield	8,337	5,567	342	14,246
WALTHAM	15,818	7,629	958	24,405
Watertown	10,904	4,765	531	16,200
Wayland	5,577	2,435	156	8,168
Westford	7,964	4,445	173	12,582
Weston	4,245	2,093	165	6,503
Wilmington	7,306	4,519	217	12,042
Winchester	7,827	4,327	354	12,508
WOBURN	11,647	6,942	640	19,229
TOTALS	**476,457**	**230,981**	**23,052**	**730,490**

Nantucket County

Nantucket	4,523	1,351	207	6,081
TOTALS	**4,523**	**1,351**	**207**	**6,081**

Norfolk County

Avon	1,437	870	117	2,424
Bellingham	5,602	2,604	207	8,413
Braintree	10,687	7,422	723	18,832
Brookline	20,603	6,441	927	27,971
Canton	7,050	4,734	360	12,144
Cohasset	2,986	1,572	71	4,629
Dedham	7,684	4,545	628	12,857
Dover	2,178	1,203	47	3,428
Foxborough	5,495	3,470	184	9,149
Franklin	10,785	5,741	267	16,793
Holbrook	3,371	1,895	165	5,431
Medfield	4,503	2,583	207	7,293
Pembroke	6,005	3,456	109	9,570
Plymouth	18,837	9,861	343	29,041
Plympton	1,090	600	23	1,713
Rochester	1,905	1,179	39	3,123
Rockland	5,310	3,222	119	8,651
Scituate	7,061	3,931	242	11,234
Wareham	7,144	3,335	435	10,914
West Bridgewater	2,344	1,546	102	3,992
Whitman	4,518	2,632	99	7,249
TOTALS	**155,637**	**89,482**	**6,420**	**251,539**

Suffolk County

BOSTON	153,127	63,391	20,007	236,525
CHELSEA	4,641	2,889	544	8,074
REVERE	9,604	6,106	1,212	16,922
Winthrop	5,780	3,091	281	9,152
TOTALS	**173,152**	**75,477**	**22,044**	**270,673**

Worcester County

Ashburnham	2,254	1,105	31	3,390
Athol	3,211	1,490	70	4,771
Auburn	5,685	3,125	140	8,950
Barre	1,797	857	55	2,709
Berlin	1,077	554	22	1,653
Blackstone	2,757	1,371	142	4,270
Bolton	1,918	937	40	2,895
Boylston	1,787	834	28	2,649
Brookfield	1,175	564	31	1,770
Charlton	4,244	2,151	91	6,486
Clinton	4,019	2,276	211	6,506
Douglas	2,847	1,352	123	4,322
Dudley	3,283	1,699	83	5,065
East Brookfield	728	437	19	1,184
FITCHBURG	8,412	5,611	409	14,432
GARDNER	5,251	3,022	155	8,428
Grafton	5,683	3,179	165	9,027
Hardwick	959	419	37	1,415
Harvard	2,482	916	91	3,489
Holden	6,575	3,771	119	10,465
Hopedale	2,181	1,116	97	3,394
Hubbardston	1,697	828	31	2,556
Lancaster	2,324	1,303	47	3,674

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County (cont.)				
Leicester	3,588	1,811	119	5,518
LEOMINSTER	10,788	7,043	521	18,352
Lunenburg	3,546	2,117	93	5,756
Mendon	2,073	1,138	37	3,248
Milford	7,685	4,157	552	12,394
Millbury	4,178	2,216	275	6,669
Millville	1,004	501	42	1,547
New Braintree	387	159	8	554
North Brookfield	1,567	797	34	2,398
Northborough	5,387	2,646	116	8,149
Northbridge	4,515	2,919	181	7,615
Oakham	783	334	13	1,130
Oxford	4,330	2,075	106	6,511
Paxton	1,545	944	107	2,596
Petersham	558	250	15	823
Phillipston	624	333	7	964
Princeton	1,486	716	39	2,241
Royalston	502	182	11	695
Rutland	2,647	1,529	30	4,206
Shrewsbury	11,141	6,277	411	17,829
Southborough	3,771	1,879	82	5,732
Southbridge	4,281	2,210	553	7,044
Spencer	3,749	1,816	104	5,669
Sterling	2,974	1,676	64	4,714
Sturbridge	3,345	1,803	60	5,208
Sutton	3,340	1,767	167	5,274
Templeton	2,269	1,433	50	3,752
Upton	2,791	1,300	44	4,135
Uxbridge	4,515	2,476	243	7,234
Warren	1,503	738	102	2,343
Webster	4,365	2,130	210	6,705
West Boylston	2,516	1,444	54	4,014
West Brookfield	1,307	664	62	2,033
Westborough	5,932	2,888	243	9,063
Westminster	2,610	1,637	55	4,302
Winchendon	2,870	1,371	82	4,323
WORCESTER	38,453	19,038	4,317	61,808
TOTALS	**231,271**	**123,331**	**11,446**	**366,048**

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 6, 2008?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would prohibit any dog racing or racing meeting in Massachusetts where any form of betting or wagering on the speed or ability of dogs occurs.

The State Racing Commission would be prohibited from accepting or approving any application or request for racing dates for dog racing.

Any person violating the proposed law could be required to pay a civil penalty of not less than $20,000 to the Commission. The penalty would be used for the Commission's administrative purposes, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature. All existing parts of the chapter of the state's General Laws concerning dog and horse racing meetings would be interpreted as if they did not refer to dogs.

These changes would take effect January 1, 2010. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would prohibit dog races on which betting or wagering occurs, effective January 1, 2010.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws governing dog racing.

	Yes	%	No	%	Blanks	%	Total Ballots
Aggregate of Votes							
BARNSTABLE	**82,302**	**61.60%**	**46,351**	**34.69%**	**4,947**	**3.70%**	**133,600**
BERKSHIRE	**46,526**	**69.87%**	**17,844**	**26.80%**	**2,223**	**3.34%**	**66,593**
BRISTOL	**101,960**	**41.46%**	**131,122**	**53.32%**	**12,830**	**5.22%**	**245,912**
DUKES	**7,423**	**69.97%**	**2,466**	**23.24%**	**720**	**6.79%**	**10,609**
ESSEX	**183,739**	**51.60%**	**159,266**	**44.73%**	**13,066**	**3.67%**	**356,071**
FRANKLIN	**26,475**	**68.10%**	**11,295**	**29.06%**	**1,104**	**2.84%**	**38,874**
HAMPDEN	**129,161**	**64.87%**	**59,634**	**29.95%**	**10,318**	**5.18%**	**199,113**
HAMPSHIRE	**56,929**	**71.13%**	**20,624**	**25.77%**	**2,485**	**3.10%**	**80,038**
MIDDLESEX	**413,971**	**56.67%**	**287,128**	**39.31%**	**29,391**	**4.02%**	**730,490**
NANTUCKET	**4,160**	**68.41%**	**1,698**	**27.92%**	**223**	**3.67%**	**6,081**
NORFOLK	**170,058**	**48.96%**	**164,183**	**47.27%**	**13,113**	**3.78%**	**347,354**
PLYMOUTH	**106,792**	**42.46%**	**136,881**	**54.42%**	**7,866**	**3.13%**	**251,539**
SUFFOLK	**134,938**	**49.85%**	**110,559**	**40.85%**	**25,176**	**9.30%**	**270,673**
WORCESTER	**197,918**	**54.07%**	**154,657**	**42.25%**	**13,473**	**3.68%**	**366,048**
TOTALS	**1,662,352**	**53.57%**	**1,303,708**	**42.01%**	**136,935**	**4.41%**	**3,102,995**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County				
Barnstable	15,831	8,841	537	25,209
Bourne	5,498	4,323	358	10,179
Brewster	4,346	2,019	302	6,667
Chatham	3,267	1,404	131	4,802
Dennis	5,798	3,476	299	9,573
Eastham	2,560	1,188	95	3,843
Falmouth	11,651	7,071	964	19,686
Harwich	5,185	2,624	334	8,143
Mashpee	4,784	3,064	301	8,149
Orleans	3,282	1,242	140	4,664
Provincetown	1,772	473	134	2,379
Sandwich	7,181	4,579	748	12,508
Truro	1,068	329	49	1,446
Wellfleet	1,536	579	98	2,213
Yarmouth	8,543	5,139	457	14,139
TOTALS	**82,302**	**46,351**	**4,947**	**133,600**
Berkshire County				
Adams	2,502	1,490	107	4,099
Alford	239	62	22	323
Becket	629	300	30	959
Cheshire	1,166	681	49	1,896
Clarksburg	492	389	24	905
Dalton	2,519	938	110	3,567
Egremont	628	168	51	847
Florida	219	200	11	430
Great Barrington	2,816	777	181	3,774
Hancock	250	127	22	399
Hinsdale	782	299	25	1,106
Lanesborough	1,154	473	55	1,682
Lee	2,149	830	61	3,040
Lenox	2,369	596	86	3,051
Monterey	465	94	28	587
Mount Washington	90	23	5	118
New Ashford	89	46	10	145
New Marlborough	602	196	40	838
NORTH ADAMS	3,743	2,031	174	5,948
Otis	580	258	21	859
Peru	323	134	12	469
PITTSFIELD	14,722	5,309	706	20,737
Richmond	770	189	16	975
Sandisfield	287	133	28	448
Savoy	262	134	8	404
Sheffield	1,339	458	108	1,905
Stockbridge	1,004	203	46	1,253
Tyringham	199	69	12	280
Washington	240	104	7	351
West Stockbridge	700	176	27	903
Williamstown	2,812	797	129	3,738
Windsor	385	160	12	557
TOTALS	**46,526**	**17,844**	**2,223**	**66,593**
Bristol County				
Acushnet	2,310	3,050	233	5,593
ATTLEBORO	8,942	9,480	663	19,085
Berkley	987	2,123	165	3,275
Dartmouth	8,370	7,862	578	16,810
Dighton	1,161	2,358	79	3,598
Easton	4,194	7,595	271	12,060
Fairhaven	3,975	4,158	375	8,508
FALL RIVER	12,634	16,019	3,175	31,828
Freetown	1,944	2,779	115	4,838
Mansfield	4,962	6,231	489	11,682
NEW BEDFORD	15,095	16,615	2,617	34,327
North Attleborough	6,563	7,262	458	14,283
Norton	3,582	5,131	250	8,963
Raynham	1,407	5,410	259	7,076
Rehoboth	2,760	3,297	243	6,300
Seekonk	3,548	3,447	423	7,418
Somerset	4,047	5,632	624	10,303
Swansea	3,602	4,567	394	8,563
TAUNTON	7,906	13,848	978	22,732
Westport	3,971	4,258	441	8,670
TOTALS	**101,960**	**131,122**	**12,830**	**245,912**

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Dukes County				
Aquinnah	223	71	19	313
Chilmark	583	122	37	742
Edgartown	1,665	601	206	2,472
Gosnold	44	32	4	80
Oak Bluffs	1,794	719	175	2,688
Tisbury	1,739	577	124	2,440
West Tisbury	1,375	344	155	1,874
TOTALS	**7,423**	**2,466**	**720**	**10,609**
Essex County				
Amesbury	4,772	3,596	203	8,571
Andover	10,646	7,229	469	18,344
BEVERLY	10,972	9,112	530	20,614
Boxford	2,872	2,017	92	4,981
Danvers	6,949	6,823	278	14,050
Essex	1,310	846	53	2,209
Georgetown	2,460	2,181	105	4,746
GLOUCESTER	8,747	6,265	672	15,684
Groveland	2,044	1,765	58	3,867
Hamilton	2,840	1,778	110	4,728
HAVERHILL	14,107	12,150	881	27,138
Ipswich	4,461	3,507	199	8,167
LAWRENCE	8,691	7,703	3,266	19,660
LYNN	12,718	16,163	1,075	29,956
Lynnfield	3,376	3,467	141	6,984
Manchester-by-the-Sea	2,126	1,229	66	3,421
Marblehead	7,317	4,842	301	12,460
Merrimac	1,951	1,575	55	3,581
Methuen	10,791	9,499	819	21,109
Middleton	2,001	2,277	90	4,368
Nahant	1,059	1,196	59	2,314
Newbury	2,386	1,841	102	4,329
NEWBURYPORT	6,600	4,050	294	10,944
North Andover	8,190	6,495	377	15,062
PEABODY	12,226	13,300	915	26,441
Rockport	3,115	1,420	150	4,685
Rowley	1,717	1,678	54	3,449

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampden County				
Agawam	9,709	4,442	359	14,510
Blandford	443	242	16	701
Brimfield	1,234	763	52	2,049
Chester	431	270	8	709
CHICOPEE	15,399	7,372	707	23,478
East Longmeadow	5,777	2,665	198	8,640
Granville	577	276	26	879
Hampden	2,030	877	87	2,994
Holland	811	500	30	1,341
HOLYOKE	10,127	4,316	1,080	15,523
Longmeadow	6,894	2,503	277	9,674
Ludlow	6,201	3,347	428	9,976
Monson	2,851	1,509	140	4,500
Montgomery	348	160	7	515
Palmer	3,611	2,107	218	5,936
Russell	524	274	18	816
Southwick	3,204	1,562	128	4,894
SPRINGFIELD	32,266	14,413	5,442	52,121
Tolland	168	105	3	276
Wales	586	419	15	1,020
West Springfield	8,254	3,670	365	12,289
WESTFIELD	11,878	5,325	485	17,688
Wilbraham	5,838	2,517	229	8,584
TOTALS	**129,161**	**59,634**	**10,318**	**199,113**
Hampshire County				
Amherst	9,557	2,789	591	12,937
Belchertown	5,284	2,225	224	7,733
Chesterfield	505	216	15	736
Cummington	395	137	9	541
Easthampton	6,414	2,319	196	8,929
Goshen	439	167	6	612
Granby	2,383	1,097	104	3,584
Hadley	2,172	830	101	3,103
Hatfield	1,448	636	38	2,122
Huntington	719	401	23	1,143

SALEM	10,327	8,361	628	19,316
Salisbury	2,083	2,036	103	4,222
Saugus	5,859	7,272	373	13,504
Swampscott	4,110	3,854	227	8,191
Topsfield	1,970	1,698	191	3,859
Wenham	1,367	909	69	2,345
West Newbury	1,579	1,132	61	2,772
TOTALS	**183,739**	**159,266**	**13,066**	**356,071**

Franklin County

Ashfield	830	271	35	1,136
Bernardston	746	415	84	1,245
Buckland	726	311	41	1,078
Charlemont	447	231	16	694
Colrain	588	324	31	943
Conway	869	354	35	1,258
Deerfield	2,222	798	55	3,075
Erving	478	303	25	806
Gill	613	284	22	919
Greenfield	6,043	2,274	254	8,571
Hawley	113	60	3	176
Heath	294	138	12	444
Leverett	975	239	42	1,256
Leyden	334	129	12	475
Monroe	32	27	1	60
Montague	2,955	1,333	97	4,385
New Salem	409	190	19	618
Northfield	1,147	531	67	1,745
Orange	1,889	1,413	85	3,387
Rowe	169	85	10	264
Shelburne	847	330	35	1,212
Shutesbury	979	219	34	1,232
Sunderland	1,388	459	33	1,880
Warwick	273	160	20	453
Wendell	441	111	16	568
Whately	668	306	20	994
TOTALS	**26,475**	**11,295**	**1,104**	**38,874**

Middlefield	203	91	6	300
NORTHAMPTON	12,510	3,266	565	16,341
Pelham	682	181	34	897
Plainfield	297	88	10	395
South Hadley	6,296	2,613	201	9,110
Southampton	2,367	991	70	3,428
Ware	2,737	1,617	201	4,555
Westhampton	771	314	29	1,114
Williamsburg	1,233	418	49	1,700
Worthington	517	228	13	758
TOTALS	**56,929**	**20,624**	**2,485**	**80,038**

Middlesex County

Acton	7,555	3,768	312	11,635
Arlington	15,437	9,121	930	25,488
Ashby	960	879	42	1,881
Ashland	4,918	3,409	153	8,480
Ayer	1,925	1,372	97	3,394
Bedford	4,429	2,722	284	7,435
Belmont	8,476	4,822	514	13,812
Billerica	9,616	9,603	327	19,546
Boxborough	92	1,853	921	2,866
Burlington	6,719	5,750	386	12,855
CAMBRIDGE	30,338	13,389	3,000	46,727
Carlisle	2,189	969	88	3,246
Chelmsford	10,592	8,496	495	19,583
Concord	7,071	3,088	423	10,582
Dracut	7,435	7,064	385	14,884
Dunstable	995	838	33	1,866
EVERETT	5,804	6,199	980	12,983
Framingham	16,261	9,988	836	27,085
Groton	3,612	2,266	259	6,137
Holliston	4,995	3,136	139	8,270
Hopkinton	5,026	3,205	163	8,394
Hudson	5,532	3,911	383	9,826
Lexington	11,317	5,897	748	17,962
Lincoln	2,396	986	114	3,496
Littleton	3,048	2,035	113	5,196
LOWELL	15,925	13,791	2,189	31,905
MALDEN	10,162	9,211	1,255	20,628
MARLBOROUGH	9,434	6,432	521	16,387
Maynard	3,345	2,184	145	5,674
MEDFORD	14,075	11,742	1,247	27,064

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County (cont.)				
MELROSE	7,945	6,926	534	15,405
Natick	10,855	6,546	754	18,155
NEWTON	28,064	14,723	1,933	44,720
North Reading	4,293	3,970	197	8,460
Pepperell	3,431	2,767	138	6,336
Reading	7,350	6,128	382	13,860
Sherborn	1,811	835	59	2,705
Shirley	1,578	1,354	212	3,144
SOMERVILLE	20,327	10,751	1,983	33,061
Stoneham	6,035	5,796	325	12,156
Stow	2,545	1,391	88	4,024
Sudbury	6,954	3,131	242	10,327
Tewksbury	7,514	7,898	334	15,746
Townsend	2,672	2,285	103	5,060
Tyngsborough	3,139	2,878	144	6,161
Wakefield	7,163	6,612	471	14,246
WALTHAM	13,558	9,744	1,103	24,405
Watertown	9,700	5,842	658	16,200
Wayland	5,338	2,595	235	8,168
Westford	7,418	4,914	250	12,582
Weston	4,186	2,112	205	6,503
Wilmington	5,938	5,829	275	12,042
Winchester	7,265	4,763	480	12,508
WOBURN	9,213	9,212	804	19,229
TOTALS	**413,971**	**287,128**	**29,391**	**730,490**
Nantucket County				
Nantucket	4,160	1,698	223	6,081
TOTALS	**4,160**	**1,698**	**223**	**6,081**
Norfolk County				
Avon	800	1,493	131	2,424
Bellingham	4,475	3,694	244	8,413
Braintree	7,383	10,568	881	18,832
Brookline	18,548	8,028	1,395	27,971
Canton	5,204	6,528	412	12,144
Plymouth County				
Pembroke	4,197	5,182	191	9,570
Plymouth	14,350	14,248	443	29,041
Plympton	794	889	30	1,713
Rochester	1,429	1,620	74	3,123
Rockland	3,418	5,027	206	8,651
Scituate	5,714	5,229	291	11,234
Wareham	4,758	5,679	477	10,914
West Bridgewater	1,176	2,715	101	3,992
Whitman	2,462	4,677	110	7,249
TOTALS	**106,792**	**136,881**	**7,866**	**251,539**
Suffolk County				
BOSTON	119,769	93,875	22,881	236,525
CHELSEA	3,945	3,353	776	8,074
REVERE	6,929	8,812	1,181	16,922
Winthrop	4,295	4,519	338	9,152
TOTALS	**134,938**	**110,559**	**25,176**	**270,673**
Worcester County				
Ashburnham	1,726	1,608	56	3,390
Athol	2,631	2,055	85	4,771
Auburn	4,775	3,996	179	8,950
Barre	1,375	1,265	69	2,709
Berlin	919	708	26	1,653
Blackstone	1,984	2,112	174	4,270
Bolton	1,794	1,026	75	2,895
Boylston	1,516	1,093	40	2,649
Brookfield	921	810	39	1,770
Charlton	3,404	2,947	135	6,486
Clinton	3,324	2,937	245	6,506
Douglas	2,240	1,943	139	4,322
Dudley	2,676	2,287	102	5,065
East Brookfield	604	559	21	1,184
FITCHBURG	7,532	6,374	526	14,432
GARDNER	4,485	3,754	189	8,428
Grafton	4,978	3,842	207	9,027

Cohasset	2,602	1,886	141	4,629
Dedham	6,014	6,085	758	12,857
Dover	2,178	1,176	74	3,428
Foxborough	4,214	4,720	215	9,149
Franklin	8,902	7,525	366	16,793
Holbrook	1,944	3,293	194	5,431
Medfield	4,039	3,003	251	7,293
Medway	3,761	3,152	113	7,026
Millis	2,393	2,100	115	4,608
Milton	6,987	7,865	739	15,591
Needham	10,164	6,532	640	17,336
Norfolk	2,812	2,446	109	5,367
Norwood	6,696	7,177	544	14,417
Plainville	1,898	2,276	123	4,297
QUINCY	17,622	20,466	1,777	39,865
Randolph	5,910	7,829	843	14,582
Sharon	5,456	4,357	361	10,174
Stoughton	5,295	7,810	531	13,636
Walpole	6,345	6,993	317	13,655
Wellesley	9,392	4,495	673	14,560
Westwood	4,477	3,815	483	8,775
Weymouth	11,427	15,934	569	27,930
Wrentham	3,120	2,937	114	6,171
TOTALS	**170,058**	**164,183**	**13,113**	**347,354**

Plymouth County

Abington	2,928	5,024	145	8,097
Bridgewater	3,660	8,146	304	12,110
BROCKTON	11,361	19,889	2,503	33,753
Carver	2,496	3,463	218	6,177
Duxbury	5,309	3,919	222	9,450
East Bridgewater	2,265	4,775	184	7,224
Halifax	1,577	2,429	91	4,097
Hanover	3,450	4,538	184	8,172
Hanson	2,067	3,307	108	5,482
Hingham	7,324	5,822	342	13,488
Hull	2,917	2,896	150	5,963
Kingston	3,240	3,361	135	6,736
Lakeville	2,080	3,524	129	5,733
Marion	1,662	1,333	139	3,134
Marshfield	6,984	7,334	286	14,604
Mattapoisett	2,013	1,898	136	4,047
Middleborough	3,939	6,992	510	11,441
Norwell	3,222	2,965	157	6,344
Hardwick	828	538	49	1,415
Harvard	2,143	1,205	141	3,489
Holden	5,946	4,330	189	10,465
Hopedale	1,857	1,436	101	3,394
Hubbardston	1,317	1,199	40	2,556
Lancaster	2,092	1,506	76	3,674
Leicester	2,688	2,679	151	5,518
LEOMINSTER	9,571	8,187	594	18,352
Lunenburg	3,016	2,625	115	5,756
Mendon	1,839	1,332	77	3,248
Milford	6,508	5,299	587	12,394
Millbury	3,329	3,039	301	6,669
Millville	738	748	61	1,547
New Braintree	273	272	9	554
North Brookfield	1,277	1,071	50	2,398
Northborough	4,818	3,181	150	8,149
Northbridge	4,042	3,369	204	7,615
Oakham	561	551	18	1,130
Oxford	3,349	3,018	144	6,511
Paxton	1,453	1,030	113	2,596
Petersham	507	298	18	823
Phillipston	490	462	12	964
Princeton	1,312	871	58	2,241
Royalston	371	304	20	695
Rutland	2,222	1,929	55	4,206
Shrewsbury	10,409	6,942	478	17,829
Southborough	3,558	2,056	118	5,732
Southbridge	3,767	2,694	583	7,044
Spencer	2,886	2,639	144	5,669
Sterling	2,615	2,020	79	4,714
Sturbridge	3,039	2,081	88	5,208
Sutton	2,740	2,331	203	5,274
Templeton	1,899	1,789	64	3,752
Upton	2,459	1,599	77	4,135
Uxbridge	3,898	3,051	285	7,234
Warren	1,353	883	107	2,343
Webster	3,567	2,926	212	6,705
West Boylston	2,245	1,685	84	4,014
West Brookfield	1,088	885	60	2,033
Westborough	5,582	3,201	280	9,063
Westminster	2,246	1,977	79	4,302
Winchendon	2,319	1,885	119	4,323
WORCESTER	32,817	24,218	4,773	61,808
TOTALS	**197,918**	**154,657**	**13,473**	**366,048**

QUESTION 4

Shall this Town amend its acceptance of 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

This question involves amendment of the Town's acceptance to G.L. c.44B, §§ 3-7, also known as the Community Preservation Act (the "Act"), by increasing the surcharge imposed on real property from one and one-half percent (1 ½ %) to three percent (3 %) of the tax levy, as determined annually by the Board of Assessors. The Act allows municipalities to impose a surcharge on real property to establish a dedicated source of funds for: the acquisition, preservation and creation of open space and land for recreational use; the acquisition, preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of historic resources; and the creation, preservation and support of community housing. Acceptance of the Act also entitles municipalities to receive an annual distribution from the Massachusetts Community Preservation Trust Fund, which supplements the funds collected pursuant to the surcharge imposed by the Town and increases the available funds for eligible projects.

As approved under Article 2 of the February 12, 2001 Special Town Meeting and by the voters at the 2001 Annual Town Election, the surcharge was initially fixed at one percent (1 %) of the annual property tax assessed on real property. An increase in the surcharge to one and one-half percent (1 ½ %) was later approved under Article 38 of the May 1, 2006 Annual Town Meeting and by the voters at the 2006 biennial state election. On a motion made under Article 24 of the April 28, 2008 Annual Town Meeting, the Amherst Town Meeting voted to increase the surcharge to three percent (3 %). If approved, the additional surcharge would be imposed on taxes assessed for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2009.

The Act contains certain mandatory exemptions and also allows municipalities to approve certain optional exemptions. The Town has adopted two such optional exemptions, as follows: (1) any 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 Amherst is exempt from the surcharge; and, (2) one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.00) of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property is exempt from the surcharge. Regardless of whether this question passes or fails, these exemptions will continue to be applicable in the Town of Amherst.

In the Town of Amherst

QUESTION 4

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

SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act ("Act"), establishes a dedicated funding source to acquire, create and preserve open space and land for recreational use; acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources; create, preserve, and support community housing; and to rehabilitate and restore open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created in accordance with the Act. In Northfield, the Act will be funded, beginning in Fiscal Year 2009, by an additional surcharge of 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. All expenditures pursuant to the Act will be subject to an annual audit.

In the Town of Northfield

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Franklin County				
Northfield	818	792	135	1,745
TOTALS.....	**818**	**792**	**135**	**1,745**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampshire County				
Amherst	5,148	5,316	2,473	12,937
TOTALS	**5,148**	**5,316**	**2,473**	**12,937**

Question 4

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

SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act, establish a dedicated funding source to acquire and preserve open space, parks and conservation land, protect public drinking water supplies, and scenic areas, protect farm land and forests from future development, restore and preserve historic properties, and help meet local families' housing needs. In the City of Gloucester, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by an additional excise of one (1%) percent on the annual tax levy on real property commencing in fiscal year 2010 and by matching funds provided by the state. EXCLUSIONS: property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low to moderation income senior housing in the City of Gloucester, as defined in Section 2 of said Act, One Hundred Thousand ($100,000.00) Dollars 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 receive a pro rata reduction with respect to the portion exempt. A Community Preservation Committee composed of local citizens will make recommendations on the use of the funds and all expenditures will be subject to an annual audit.

In the City of Gloucester

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County				
GLOUCESTER	8,270	6,094	1,320	15,684
TOTALS	**8,270**	**6,094**	**1,320**	**15,684**

QUESTION 4

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

SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act ("Act"), establishes a dedicated funding source to acquire, create and preserve open space and land for recreational use; acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources; acquire, create, preserve and support community housing; and to rehabilitate and restore open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created in accordance with the Act. In Royalston, the Act will be funded, beginning in Fiscal Year 2010, by an additional surcharge of 3% (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: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town; (2) $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in surcharge. A Community Preservation Committee must be created pursuant to by-law and will make recommendations on the use of the funds. Town Meeting must approve any such recommendation before funds can be expended. All expenditures pursuant to the Act will be subject to annual audit.

In the Town of Royalston

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Royalston	351	312	32	695
TOTALS	**351**	**312**	**32**	**695**