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QUESTION 4

Shall the amendments to the Hampshire Council of Governments Charter proposed by the Council of Governments councilors be enacted?

SUMMARY

The revisions to the Hampshire Council of Governments Charter proposed by the Council of Governments councilors would modify administrative and procedural provisions regarding membership in the Hampshire Council of Governments and the adoption of organization plans for Hampshire Council of Governments departments and agencies. The proposed revisions would also modify the term of office and the number of councilors. Lastly, the proposed revisions would clarify the powers and duties of the councilors, the qualifications and responsibilities of the chief administrative officer, delete transitional provisions that are no longer needed, alter the titles of the chief administrative officer and the chief financial officer, and correct typographical errors and inconsistencies in the Charter.

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampshire County				
Belchertown	4,577	1,270	1,858	7,705
Chesterfield	421	107	195	723
Cummington	311	52	175	538
Goshen	360	94	162	616
Granby	1,952	643	936	3,531
Hadley	1,912	467	751	3,130
Hatfield	1,275	330	444	2,049
Huntington	657	176	280	1,113
Middlefield	179	62	53	294
Pelham	587	58	249	894
Plainfield	237	47	108	392
South Hadley	5,208	1,515	2,196	8,919
Southampton	2,181	608	767	3,556
Westhampton	615	212	237	1,064
Williamsburg	1,089	175	370	1,634
TOTALS	**21,561**	**5,816**	**8,781**	**36,158**

QUESTION 4

Shall the City of Beverly 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 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 Beverly, 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 low or moderate income senior housing in the City of Beverly, 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.

A Community Preservation Committee will be established by ordinance to study community preservation resources, possibilities and needs and to make annual recommendations to city council 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.

The question is approved and the statute accepted if a majority of the voters voting on the ballot question vote 'yes.'

In the City of Beverly

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County				
BEVERLY	10,086	9,178	1,756	21,020
TOTALS	**10,086**	**9,178**	**1,756**	**21,020**

QUESTION 4

Shall the City of Fall River accept Sections 3 to 7, inclusive of Chapter 44b of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body, a summary of which appears below?

SUMMARY

The Community Preservation Act (hereinafter 'Act') establishes a dedicated funding source to enable cities and towns to (1) acquire, create or preserve open space, which includes land for parks and recreational uses, beaches and conservation areas, (2) acquire, preserve or restore historic buildings and sites, including historic parks, and (3) help meet local families' housing needs.

In the City of Fall River, the funding source for these community preservation purposes will be a surcharge of 1.5% on the annual property tax assessed on real property beginning in Fiscal Year 2014, and annual distributions made by the state from a trust fund created by the Act. The Commonwealth provides these funds only to communities adopting the Act. If approved, the following will be exempt from the surcharge: (1) properly owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the City of Fall River, as defined in Section 2 of the Act; and (2) $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a full or partial reduction in the surcharge.

Upon acceptance of the Act by the voters, a Community Preservation Committee will be established by ordinance to study community preservation needs, possibilities and resources, and to make annual recommendations to the City Council for approval on spending the funds.

In the City of Fall River

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Bristol County				
FALL RIVER	14,197	10,337	5,719	30,253
TOTALS	**14,197**	**10,337**	**5,719**	**30,253**

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Duxbury exempt the first $100,000 of assessed value of residential real property from the surcharge levied pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, M.G.L. c. 44B, as permitted by M.G.L. c. 44B, §3(e)(3) and approved by its legislative body (Town Meeting), beginning on July 1, 2013?

SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, known as the Community Preservation Act ('CPA'), 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 support local affordable housing needs. In Duxbury, the CPA is currently funded by an additional excise of 3% on the annual tax levy on real property, and by annual distribution from the state. The CPA permits towns to adopt certain exclusions, including the exclusion proposed here. If voting yes to the above ballot question, you are voting to reduce the assessed value of all taxable residential real property by $100,000, thereby lowering the amount calculated at 3% to determine the annual CPA tax levy. If voting no, you are voting to keep the assessment calculation the same.

In the Town of Duxbury

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Plymouth County				
Duxbury	6,263	2,629	807	9,699
TOTALS	**6,263**	**2,629**	**807**	**9,699**

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Somerset 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 (the 'Act'), establish a dedicated funding source to enable cities and towns to: (1) acquire, create, and preserve open space, which includes conservation areas and land for the protection of public drinking water supplies; (2) acquire, preserve, rehabilitate, and restore historic resources; (3) acquire, create, preserve, rehabilitate, and restore land for recreational uses, which includes parks, playgrounds, and athletic fields; (4) acquire, create, preserve, and support community housing; and (5) rehabilitate and restore open space and community housing acquired as provided in the Act.

In the Town of Somerset, the funding sources for these community preservations purposes will be a surcharge of one per cent (1%) on the annual property tax assessed on real property commencing in the fiscal year 2014 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 low or moderate income senior housing in the Town, as defined in Section 2 of said Act; and (2) $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. A taxpayer receiving an exemption of real property authorized by chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws or any other law shall be exempt from any surcharge established under chapter 44B, section 3, of said General Laws. The surcharge to be paid by a taxpayer receiving an abatement of real property pursuant to said chapter 59 or any other law shall be reduced in proportion to the amount of such abatement.

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

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

QUESTION 4

Shall the City of Salem accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, a summary of which appears below?

SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act (Act), establish a dedicated funding source to enable cities and towns to (1) acquire, create or preserve open space, which includes land for parks, recreational uses and conservation areas, (2) rehabilitate local parks, playgrounds and athletic fields, (3) acquire, preserve or restore historic buildings and artifacts, and (4) help meet local families' housing needs.

In Salem, the funding source for these community preservation purposes will be a surcharge of 1% on the annual property tax assessed on real property, additional municipal funds that may be committed by the city council as provided in Section 3(b ½) of Chapter 44B, 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 low or moderate income senior housing in Salem as defined in Section 2 of the Act; (2) $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property; and (3) $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of class three, commercial property and class four, industrial property as defined in Section 2A of Chapter 59. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a full or partial reduction in the surcharge.

By way of example, a single family home with an assessed value of $293,900 without any exemption or abatement would be surcharged approximately $30.31 per year if accepted by the City of Salem (Source: City Assessor based on average single family home value and FY12 tax rate of $15.63 per $1000).

Upon acceptance of the Act by the voters, a Community Preservation Committee will be established by ordinance to study community preservation needs, possibilities and resources, and to make annual recommendations to the City Council for approval on spending the funds.

In the City of Salem

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County				
SALEM	9,762	8,169	1,916	19,847
TOTALS	**9,762**	**8,169**	**1,916**	**19,847**

In the Town of Somerset

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Bristol County				
SOMERSET	4,694	4,274	1,138	10,106
TOTALS	**4,694**	**4,274**	**1,138**	**10,106**

QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Duxbury reduce the surcharge on real property pursuant to the Community Preservation Act, M.G.L. c. 44B, from three percent (3%) of the real estate tax levy on real property to one percent (1%), as approved by its legislative body (Town Meeting), beginning on July, 1, 2013?

SUMMARY

Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, known as the Community Preservation Act ('CPA'), 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 support local affordable housing needs. In Duxbury, the CPA is currently funded by an additional excise of 3% on the annual tax levy on real property, and by annual distributions from the state. The CPA permits the town to lower that rate if accepted by voters. If voting yes to the above ballot question, you are voting to reduce the excise rate from 3% to 1% levied on the annual tax assessment for real property. If voting no, you are voting to keep the assessment calculation the same.

In the Town of Duxbury

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Plymouth County				
Duxbury	5,420	3,608	671	9,699
TOTALS	**5,420**	**3,608**	**671**	**9,699**

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Great Barrington 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; to acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources; to acquire, create, preserve, rehabilitate and restore land for recreational use; to acquire, create, preserve and support community housing; and to rehabilitate and restore open space and community housing acquired or created as provided under said Act. In Great Barrington, the Act will be funded by an additional surcharge of three percent (3%) on the annual tax levy on real property and by matching funds provided by the state, to take effect beginning July 1, 2013. The following exemptions from such surcharge, permitted under Section 3(e) of the Act, will apply: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by 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. The surcharge to be paid by a taxpayer receiving an abatement of real property taxes authorized by chapter 59 or any other law will be reduced in proportion to such abatement. A Community Preservation Committee must be created by adoption of a Town by-law and will make recommendations on the use of the funds. Town Meeting must approve the recommendations before funds can be expended. All expenditures pursuant to the Act will be subject to an annual audit.

In the Town of Great Barrington

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Berkshire County				
Great Barrington	2,050	1,212	359	3,621
Grand Total	**2,050**	**1,212**	**359**	**3,621**

QUESTION 4

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

SUMMARY

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

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

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

In the City of Somerville

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
SOMERVILLE.....	24,616	7,742	3,132	35,490
TOTALS.....	**24,616**	**7,742**	**3,132**	**35,490**

QUESTION 4

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

SUMMARY

Sections 3 through 7 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, also known as the Community Preservation Act (the 'Act'), establish a dedicated funding source to enable cities and towns to acquire, create and preserve open space; to acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources; to acquire, create and preserve land for recreational use; to acquire, create, preserve and support community housing; to rehabilitate or restore open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created as provided in the Act; and to set aside for later spending funds for specific purposes or general purposes that are consistent with community preservation.

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

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

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

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

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Canton accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, a summary of which appears below?

SUMMARY

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

In Canton, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by an additional excise of 1% on the annual tax levy on real property to be assessed beginning in fiscal year 2014, and by annual distributions provided by the state. The following exemptions from such surcharge, permitted under Section 3(e) of the Act, will apply: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the Town, as defined in Section 2 of said Act and (2) $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in surcharge.

A Community Preservation Committee will be established by by-law to study community preservation resources, possibilities and needs will make annual recommendations on the use of the funds. The Town Meeting must approve any such recommendation before funds can be expended, and at least 10% of the funds for each fiscal year will be spent or reserved for later spending on each of the Act's three community preservation purposes: (1) open space (excluding land for recreational use), (2) historic resources and (3) community housing. All expenditures pursuant to the Act will be subject to an annual audit.

In the Town of Canton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County				
Canton	6,540	5,033	898	12,471
TOTALS	**6,540**	**5,033**	**898**	**12,471**

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

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

In the Town of Milton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Norfolk County				
Milton	6,487	8,272	1,208	15,967
TOTALS	**6,487**	**8,272**	**1,208**	**15,967**

QUESTION 4

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

SUMMARY

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

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

In the Town of West Springfield

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

QUESTION 4

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

SUMMARY

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

The Act, as accepted by the Town, establishes a dedicated funding source to acquire, create and preserve open space and land for recreational use; acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources, create, preserve and support community housing; and to rehabilitate and restore open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created in accordance with the Act. The following exemptions from the surcharge, permitted under Section 3(e) of the Act, will apply: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or low or moderate senior income housing in the Town; (2) $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro-rata reduction in surcharge. A Community Preservation Committee has been created pursuant to bylaw and will make recommendations on the use of funds. Town Meeting must approve any such recommendation before funds can be expended. All expenditures will be subject to an annual audit.

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

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

QUESTION 5

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

SUMMARY

The Community Preservation Act establishes a dedicated funding source to acquire, create, preserve and rehabilitate open space and land for recreational use; acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources; create, preserve and support community housing; and to rehabilitate and restore open space and community housing that is acquired or created in accordance with the Act. In Westhampton, the Act will be funded, beginning in Fiscal Year 2014, by an additional surcharge of three percent (3%) on the annual tax levy on real property and by matching funds provided by the state. The following exemptions from such surcharge, permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act, will apply: (1) 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 (2) $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in surcharge. A Community Preservation Committee must be created pursuant to by-law and will make recommendations on the use of funds. Town Meeting must approve any such recommendation before funds can be expended. All expenditures pursuant to the Act will be subject to an annual audit.

In the Town of Westhampton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampshire County				
Westhampton	464	540	60	1,064
TOTALS	**464**	**540**	**60**	**1,064**

In the Town of Kingston

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampden County				
Kingston	4,767	1,562	677	7,006
TOTALS	**4,767**	**1,562**	**677**	**7,006**

QUESTION 5

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

In the Town of Granby

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampshire County				
Granby	2,091	1,050	390	3,531
TOTALS	**2,091**	**1,050**	**390**	**3,531**

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Mendon be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to purchase the former St. Michael's Church property to be used as the future site of the Taft Public Library and for other compatible public purposes.

In the Town of Mendon

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Wrocester County				
Mendon	1,988	1,310	140	3,438
TOTALS	**1,988**	**1,310**	**140**	**3,438**

QUESTION 4

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

In the Town of West Newbury

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County				
West Newbury	1,950	572	275	2,797
TOTALS	**1,950**	**572**	**275**	**2,797**

QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Mendon be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to renovate and equip the former St. Michael's Church property including other site improvements incidental or directly related thereto, to be used for the Taft Public Library and for other compatible public purposes.

In the Town of Mendon

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Mendon	1,852	1,440	146	3,438
TOTALS	**1,852**	**1,440**	**146**	**3,438**

QUESTION 4

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

In the City of Easthampton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampdshire County				
Easthampton	3,880	4,816	383	9,079
TOTALS	**3,880**	**4,816**	**383**	**9,079**

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Ware be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to construct improvements at the wastewater treatment plant in order to improve the quality of discharge from the plant?

In the Town of Ware

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Hampshire County				
Ware	2,033	1,732	536	4,301
TOTALS	**2,033**	**1,732**	**536**	**4,301**

QUESTION 4

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

In the Town of Dudley

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Dudley	2,846	1,977	295	5,118
TOTALS	**2,846**	**1,977**	**295**	**5,118**

QUESTION 4

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

In the Town of Dalton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Berkshire County				
Dalton	1,453	1,613	351	3,417
TOTALS	**1,453**	**1,613**	**351**	**3,417**

QUESTION 5

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

In the Town of Dalton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Berkshire County				
Dalton	1,437	1,601	379	3,417
TOTALS	**1,437**	**1,601**	**379**	**3,417**

QUESTION 4

Shall the Town of Georgetown be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to finance the design, construction and original equipping of a new elementary school building, including costs incidental or related thereto?

In the Town of Georgetown

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County				
Georgetown	2,434	2,255	258	4,947
TOTALS	**2,434**	**2,255**	**258**	**4,947**

QUESTION 6

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

In the Town of Dalton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Berkshire County				
Dalton	1,482	1,560	375	3,417
TOTALS	**1,482**	**1,560**	**375**	**3,417**

QUESTION 4

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

In the Town of Lincoln

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
Lincoln	1,768	1,568	414	3,750
TOTALS	**1,768**	**1,568**	**414**	**3,750**

QUESTION 4

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

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Franklin County				
Bernardston	723	317	141	1,181
TOTALS	**723**	**317**	**141**	**1,181**

QUESTION 4

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

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County				
NEWBURY	2,038	2,302	141	4,481
TOTALS	**2,038**	**2,302**	**141**	**4,481**

QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Bernardston be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to replace the roof at the Bernardston Elementary School?
In the Town of Bernardston

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Franklin County				
Bernardston	849	188	144	1,181
TOTALS	**849**	**188**	**144**	**1,181**

QUESTION 5

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

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County				
Dudley	2,150	2,749	219	5,118
TOTALS	**2,150**	**2,749**	**219**	**5,118**

QUESTION 4

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

In the Town of Wenham

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County				
Wenham	1,408	743	222	2,373
TOTALS	**1,408**	**743**	**222**	**2,373**

QUESTION 4

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

In the Town of Bourne

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County				
Bourne	4,210	4,765	1,299	10,274
TOTALS	**4,210**	**4,765**	**1,299**	**10,274**

QUESTION #5

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

In the Town of Wenham

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County				
Wenham	1,408	748	217	2,373
TOTALS	**1,408**	**748**	**217**	**2,373**

QUESTION 4

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

In the Town of Woburn

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County				
WOBURN	12,235	4,344	2,907	19,486
TOTALS	**12,235**	**4,344**	**2,907**	**19,486**

QUESTION 4

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

In the Town of Hamilton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County				
Hamilton	2,560	1,537	432	4,529
TOTALS	**2,560**	**1,537**	**432**	**4,529**

QUESTION 5

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

In the Town of Hamilton

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Essex County				
Hamilton	2,548	1,569	412	4,529
TOTALS	**2,548**	**1,569**	**412**	**4,529**

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

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

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket District				
Aquinnah	227	32	40	299
Chilmark	551	74	113	738
Edgartown	1,654	412	518	2,584
Falmouth	6,224	1,516	1,547	9,287
Gosnold	67	4	16	87
Nantucket	3,899	1,098	1,148	6,145
Oak Bluffs	1,766	428	614	2,808
Tisbury	1,742	380	401	2,523
West Tisbury	1,475	230	285	1,990
TOTALS	**17,605**	**4,174**	**4,682**	**26,461**
3rd Barnstable District				
Bourne	3,201	1,628	710	5,539
Falmouth	6,581	1,973	1,802	10,356
Mashpee	5,048	1,714	1,580	8,342
TOTALS	**14,830**	**5,315**	**4,092**	**24,237**
1st Essex District				
Amesbury	10,928	3,378	2,740	17,046
NEWBURYPORT	13,461	4,725	3,940	22,126
Salisbury	5,395	1,783	1,450	8,628
TOTALS	**29,784**	**9,886**	**8,130**	**47,800**
2nd Essex District				
Boxford	3,808	2,108	1,008	6,924
Georgetown	6,054	2,548	1,292	9,894
Groveland	4,786	1,923	1,295	8,004
HAVERHILL	3,813	1,382	1,389	6,584
Merrimac	4,437	1,518	1,253	7,208
Newbury	5,826	2,116	1,020	8,962
West Newbury	3,539	1,304	751	5,594
TOTALS	**32,263**	**12,899**	**8,008**	**53,170**

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
12th Middlesex District				
NEWTON	13,721	3,136	4,364	21,221
TOTALS	**13,721**	**3,136**	**4,364**	**21,221**
15th Middlesex District				
Lexington	12,237	2,654	3,548	18,439
WOBURN	3,311	1,248	1,360	5,919
TOTALS	**15,548**	**3,902**	**4,908**	**24,358**
23rd Middlesex District				
Arlington	13,610	2,898	3,062	19,570
MEDFORD	3,819	1,051	1,357	6,227
TOTALS	**17,429**	**3,949**	**4,419**	**25,797**
24th Middlesex District				
Arlington	4,905	848	930	6,683
Belmont	8,990	2,466	2,934	14,390
CAMBRIDGE	1,781	426	770	2,977
TOTALS	**15,676**	**3,740**	**4,634**	**24,050**
25th Middlesex District				
CAMBRIDGE	14,213	2,000	3,037	19,250
TOTALS	**14,213**	**2,000**	**3,037**	**19,250**
26th Middlesex District				
Arlington	13,610	2,898	3,062	19,570
MEDFORD	3,819	1,051	1,357	6,227
TOTALS	**17,429**	**3,949**	**4,419**	**25,797**
27th Middlesex District				
SOMERVILLE	15,392	2,633	2,760	20,785
TOTALS	**15 392**	**2 633**	**2,760**	**20,785**
29th Middlesex District				
CAMBRIDGE	6,927	1,093	1,726	9,746
Watertown	8,261	1,882	2,500	12,643
TOTALS	**15,188**	**2,975**	**4,226**	**22,389**

3rd Essex District				
HAVERHILL	10,411	3,817	3,651	17,879
TOTALS	**10,411**	**3,817**	**3,651**	**17,879**
4th Essex District				
Hamilton	3,007	942	580	4,529
Ipswich	5,477	1,652	1,284	8,413
Manchester-by-the-Sea	2,374	704	465	3,543
Rowley	2,356	753	485	3,594
Topsfield	2,403	883	806	4,092
Wenham	1,541	539	293	2,373
TOTALS	**17,158**	**5,473**	**3,913**	**26,544**
5th Essex District				
Essex	1,202	586	392	2,180
GLOUCESTER	8,847	4,459	2,383	15,689
Rockport	3,138	734	902	4,774
TOTALS	**13,187**	**5,779**	**3,677**	**22,643**
6th Essex District				
BEVERLY	13,451	4,099	3,470	21,020
TOTALS	**13,451**	**4,099**	**3,470**	**21,020**
7th Essex District				
SALEM	12,818	4,110	2,919	19,847
TOTALS	**12,818**	**4,110**	**2,919**	**19,847**
8th Essex District				
LYNN	1,531	499	408	2,438
Marblehead	8,199	2,438	2,067	12,704
Swampscott	5,269	1,384	1,647	8,300
TOTALS	**14,999**	**4,321**	**4,122**	**23,442**
11th Essex District				
LYNN	6,701	2,906	2,418	12,025
Nahant	1,615	371	334	2,320
TOTALS	**8,316**	**3,277**	**2,752**	**14,345**
15th Essex District				
HAVERHILL	3,312	1,125	1,135	5,572
Methuen	8,424	3,625	3,023	15,072
TOTALS	**11,736**	**4,750**	**4,158**	**20,644**
11th Middlesex District				
NEWTON	13,888	3,048	4,361	21,297
TOTALS	**13,888**	**3,048**	**4,361**	**21,297**

32nd Middlesex District				
MALDEN	1,003	315	461	1,779
MELROSE	9,698	2,496	3,442	15,636
Wakefield	3,897	1,084	1,502	6,483
TOTALS	**14,598**	**3,895**	**5,405**	**23,898**
34th Middlesex District				
MEDFORD	5,779	1,557	1,741	9,077
SOMERVILLE	6,510	1,501	1,654	9,665
TOTALS	**12,289**	**3,058**	**3,395**	**18,742**
13th Norfolk District				
Dover	2,017	875	701	3,593
Medfield	2,129	788	744	3,661
Needham	10,773	3,042	3,611	17,426
TOTALS	**14,919**	**4,705**	**5,056**	**24,680**
15th Norfolk District				
Brookline	13,941	2,418	3,312	19,671
TOTALS	**13,941**	**2,418**	**3,312**	**19,671**
3rd Suffolk District				
BOSTON	11,466	3,010	3,667	18,143
TOTALS	**11,466**	**3,010**	**3,667**	**18,143**
4th Suffolk District				
BOSTON	11,122	3,699	4,005	18,826
TOTALS	**11,122**	**3,699**	**4,005**	**18,826**
8th Suffolk District				
BOSTON	7,929	2,562	2,799	13,290
CAMBRIDGE	4,589	786	1,057	6,432
TOTALS	**12,518**	**3,348**	**3,856**	**19,722**
11th Suffolk District				
BOSTON	12,375	2,859	3,497	18,731
TOTALS	**12,375**	**2,859**	**3,497**	**18,731**
15th Suffolk District				
BOSTON	11,196	2,263	3,070	16,529
Brookline	1,379	226	352	1,957
TOTALS	**12,575**	**2,489**	**3,422**	**18,486**