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Franklin County	State Election				Total Votes Cast
	Ann H. Banash of Gill Unenrolled	All Others	Blanks		
Ashfield.....	799	-	305	1,104	
Barnardston.....	977	3	256	1,236	
Buckland.....	772	2	262	1,036	
Charlemont.....	533	1	138	672	
Colrain.....	674	-	202	876	
Conway.....	853	-	341	1,194	
Deerfield.....	2,263	-	763	3,026	
Erving.....	625	4	152	781	
Gill.....	766	-	148	914	
Greenfield.....	6,674	39	1,854	8,567	
Hawley.....	135	-	60	195	
Heath.....	320	2	112	434	
Leverett.....	828	1	340	1,169	
Leyden.....	353	-	109	462	
Monroe.....	48	-	14	62	
Montague.....	3,322	6	870	4,198	
New Salem.....	455	-	135	590	
Northfield.....	1,289	4	448	1,741	
Orange.....	2,380	8	792	3,180	
Rowe.....	193	1	59	253	
Shelburne.....	857	6	296	1,159	
Shutesbury.....	830	1	341	1,172	
Sunderland.....	1,272	8	473	1,753	
Warwick.....	293	-	105	398	
Wendell.....	376	-	158	534	
Whately.....	671	1	263	935	
TOTALS.....	28,558	87	8,996	37,641	

DISTRICT ATTORNEY (TO FILL VACANCY)

Berkshire District	Democratic Primary				Republican Primary				State Election				
	David F. Capeless	Timothy J. Shugrue	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	David F. Capeless	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Adams.....	1,410	464	-	61	1,935	-	12	45	57	3,454	10	609	4,073
Alford.....	44	2	1	1	48	-	-	3	3	251	-	52	303
Becket.....	61	19	-	1	81	-	3	6	9	646	2	200	848
Cheshire.....	367	148	-	8	523	-	12	34	46	1,537	3	291	1,831
Clarksburg.....	165	58	-	-	231	-	13	7	20	744	2	131	877
Dalton.....	561	168	-	2	731	-	19	61	80	2,915	9	608	3,532
Egremont.....	62	24	-	3	89	-	-	11	11	655	-	157	812
Florida.....	48	23	-	7	78	-	3	8	11	711	-	71	882
Great Barrington.....	318	92	1	4	415	-	14	40	54	2,947	16	792	3,755
Hancock.....	48	8	-	1	57	-	-	10	10	309	-	90	399
Hinsdale.....	139	71	-	1	211	-	3	11	14	859	-	213	1,072
Lanesborough.....	206	101	-	-	307	-	13	35	48	1,327	5	293	1,625
Lee.....	273	126	2	12	413	-	-	44	44	2,438	2	619	3,059
Lenox.....	511	114	-	10	635	-	17	29	46	2,483	16	591	3,090
Monterey.....	77	12	-	-	89	-	4	19	23	433	-	113	546
Mount Washington.....	22	1	-	1	24	-	-	2	2	91	-	17	108
New Ashford.....	23	17	-	-	40	-	-	1	1	121	-	27	148
New Marlborough.....	30	7	-	1	38	-	1	8	9	628	-	200	828
NORTH ADAMS.....	1,452	384	-	112	1,948	-	21	77	98	5,038	8	976	6,020
Otis.....	43	20	-	2	65	-	6	8	14	516	4	233	753
Peru.....	26	21	-	-	47	-	5	3	8	322	1	83	406
PITTSFIELD.....	4,061	1,409	-	20	5,490	-	145	193	338	16,357	28	4,182	20,567
Richmond.....	140	30	-	2	172	-	7	21	28	840	5	155	1,000
Sandisfield.....	34	9	-	-	43	-	1	4	5	309	-	109	418
Savoy.....	54	25	-	4	83	-	2	4	6	278	1	63	342
Sheffield.....	106	21	-	-	127	-	7	27	34	1,445	3	380	1,828
Stockbridge.....	147	33	1	6	187	-	12	17	29	983	2	275	1,260
Tyringham.....	33	37	-	-	70	-	-	3	3	196	-	70	266
Washington.....	50	29	-	-	79	-	1	5	6	258	2	61	321
West Stockbridge.....	206	14	-	1	221	-	15	14	29	780	-	126	906
Williamstown.....	714	141	2	37	892	-	18	29	47	3,077	7	682	3,766
Windsor.....	93	27	-	-	122	-	3	15	18	424	4	102	530
TOTALS.....	11,524	3,655	7	305	15,491	-	357	794	1,151	52,993	130	12,571	65,694

REGISTER OF DEEDS (TO FILL VACANCY)

Berkshire Northern District	Democratic Primary				Republican Primary				State Election				
	Frances T. Brooks of Adams	Gaianne M. Caridi of North Adams	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	Frances T. Brooks of Adams Democratic	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Adams.....	1,856	73	-	6	1,935	-	26	31	57	3,727	1	345	4,073
Cheshire.....	462	56	-	5	523	-	13	33	46	1,564	-	267	1,831
Clarksburg.....	174	56	-	1	231	-	20	-	20	1,770	-	107	1,877
Florida.....	65	13	-	-	78	-	4	7	11	347	-	58	405
Hancock.....	38	17	-	2	57	-	-	10	10	303	-	96	399
Lanesborough.....	229	54	-	24	307	-	9	39	48	1,260	1	364	1,625
New Ashford.....	26	13	-	1	40	-	-	1	1	124	-	24	148
NORTH ADAMS.....	1,268	668	-	12	1,948	-	41	57	98	5,184	10	826	6,020
Savoy.....	74	6	-	3	83	-	6	-	6	299	-	43	342
Williamstown.....	712	157	-	23	892	-	19	28	47	3,112	13	641	3,766
Windsor.....	106	15	-	1	122	-	3	15	18	416	-	114	530
TOTALS.....	5,010	1,128	-	78	6,216	-	141	221	362	17,106	25	2,885	20,016

	Democratic Primary				Republican Primary				State Election			
	David M. Simas of Taunton	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	David M. Simas of Taunton Democratic	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Bristol Northern District												
ATTLEBORO	700	4	213	917	-	84	516	600	12,502	446	4,936	17,884
Berkley	63	-	20	83	-	-	36	36	2,091	15	849	2,955
Dighton	89	-	22	111	-	2	31	33	2,288	5	980	3,273
Easton	228	-	59	287	-	5	148	153	6,940	21	4,516	11,477
Mansfield	286	-	59	345	-	-	653	653	7,296	-	3,591	10,887
North Attleborough.....	459	1	151	611	-	76	610	686	9,360	108	4,129	13,597
Norton	190	-	47	237	-	1	219	220	5,396	6	2,729	8,131
Raynham	216	-	45	261	-	2	159	161	4,339	-	2,025	6,364
Rehoboth	78	-	23	101	-	11	124	135	3,927	29	1,723	5,679
Seekonk	153	1	34	188	-	13	125	138	5,155	32	1,953	7,140
TAUNTON	1,335	8	277	1,620	-	22	204	226	15,899	98	5,291	21,288
TOTALS.....	3,797	14	950	4,761	-	216	2,825	3,041	75,193	760	32,722	108,675

REGISTER OF DEEDS (TO FILL VACANCY)

Norfolk District	Democratic Primary				Republican Primary				State Election				
	William P. O'Donnell	Anthony T. McDonnell of Quincy	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	William P. O'Donnell	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
Brantree	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	1,07	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
Mills	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	5,065
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 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 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 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 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 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 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

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

	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

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

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

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 known 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

B. Shall licenses be granted in the Town of Carlisle 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