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STATE REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Sixth Suffolk District	Democratic Primary				Republican Primary			
	Russell E. Holmes of Boston	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
BOSTON.....	1,749	24	649	2,422	-	7	56	63
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>1,749</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>2,422</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>63</b>

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Sixth Suffolk District	Russell E. Holmes of Boston Democratic	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
BOSTON				
Wd. 14, Pct. 2.....	1,123	14	335	1,472
4.....	657	11	208	876
5.....	587	4	104	695
6.....	516	5	150	671
7.....	552	7	188	747
8.....	654	4	118	776
9.....	662	14	194	870
10.....	573	7	207	787
11.....	550	5	91	646
12.....	395	3	105	503
13.....	581	7	129	717
14.....	660	6	125	791
Wd. 17, Pct. 6.....	658	16	238	912
7.....	380	6	67	453
8.....	625	13	120	758
9.....	486	5	172	663
Wd. 18, Pct. 7.....	778	12	204	994
8.....	1,315	11	379	1,705
Wd. 19, Pct. 12.....	605	11	222	838
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>12,357</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>3,356</b>	<b>15,874</b>

Seventh Suffolk District	Democratic Primary						Republican Primary			
	Gloria L. Fox of Boston	Rufus Jackson Faulk of Boston	Jed Hresko of Boston	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
BOSTON.....	1,374	494	199	2	121	2,190	-	13	37	50
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>1,374</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>2,190</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>50</b>

State Election				
Seventh Suffolk District	Gloria L. Fox of Boston Democratic	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
BOSTON				
Wd. 4, Pct. 8.....	762	12	215	989
9.....	587	9	140	736
10.....	445	7	101	553
Wd. 5, Pct. 2A.....	473	8	139	620
Wd. 9, Pct. 4.....	1,047	10	211	1,268
5.....	1,064	22	219	1,305
Wd. 12, Pct. 1.....	945	19	133	1,097
2.....	1,222	7	196	1,425
3.....	619	8	107	734
4.....	592	7	107	706
5.....	466	8	85	559
8.....	423	3	86	512
Wd. 21, Pct. 1.....	916	23	225	1,164
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>9,561</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>1,964</b>	<b>11,668</b>

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Eighth Suffolk District	Democratic Primary				Republican Primary			
	Martha Marty Walz of Boston	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
BOSTON.....	832	14	144	990	-	31	156	187
CAMBRIDGE .....	639	6	127	772	-	6	43	49
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>1,471</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>1,762</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>236</b>

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Eighth Suffolk District	Martha Marty Walz of Boston Democratic	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
BOSTON				
Wd. 3, Pct. 5.....	1,298	20	499	1,817
Wd. 4, Pct. 6.....	631	14	268	913
Wd. 5, Pct. 3.....	966	20	307	1,293
4.....	1,224	18	329	1,571
5.....	389	6	129	524
6.....	933	58	357	1,348
7.....	1,164	17	413	1,594
8.....	1,032	21	353	1,406
9.....	1,374	37	488	1,899
11.....	709	8	208	925
CAMBRIDGE				
Wd. 2, Pct. 2.....	453	10	143	606
3.....	784	13	244	1,041
Wd. 5, Pct. 1.....	1,328	21	279	1,628
2.....	1,484	11	328	1,823
3.....	1,075	14	245	1,334
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>14,844</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>4,590</b>	<b>19,722</b>

Ninth Suffolk District	Democratic Primary				Republican Primary			
	Byron Rushing of Boston	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
BOSTON.....	1,296	16	357	1,669	-	15	70	85
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>1,296</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>1,669</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>85</b>

State Election				
Ninth Suffolk District	Byron Rushing of Boston Democratic	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
BOSTON				
Wd. 4, Pct. 2.....	1,396	29	566	1,991
4.....	1,078	19	293	1,390
5.....	821	15	272	1,108
7.....	775	11	199	985
Wd. 5, Pct. 2.....	667	10	187	864
10.....	1,011	16	359	1,386
Wd. 8, Pct. 1.....	508	3	175	686
2.....	1,042	21	311	1,374
3.....	603	8	154	765
4.....	350	6	94	450
Wd. 9, Pct. 1.....	828	16	341	1,185
2.....	1,036	19	340	1,395
3.....	1,402	22	382	1,806
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>11,517</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>3,673</b>	<b>15,385</b>

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Tenth Suffolk District	Democratic Primary				Republican Primary			
	Edward F. Coppinger of Boston	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
BOSTON.....	2,364	26	705	3,095	-	63	398	461
Brookline.....	544	4	238	786	-	2	238	240
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>2,908</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>3,881</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>701</b>

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Tenth Suffolk District	Edward F. Coppinger of Boston Democratic	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
BOSTON				
Wd. 20, Pct. 1.....	781	16	342	1,139
5.....	927	9	273	1,209
6.....	990	11	323	1,324
7.....	634	8	186	828
10.....	1,156	14	312	1,482
11.....	500	7	141	648
12.....	620	16	218	854
13.....	628	3	164	795
14.....	592	6	168	766
15.....	1,020	16	315	1,351
16.....	1,070	16	322	1,408
17.....	1,118	17	369	1,504
18.....	620	8	159	787
19.....	611	14	184	809
20.....	975	22	318	1,315
Brookline				
Pct. 14.....	1,235	17	602	1,854
15.....	1,263	3	677	1,943
16.....	1,186	8	463	1,657
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>15,926</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>5,536</b>	<b>21,673</b>

Eleventh Suffolk District	Democratic Primary				Republican Primary			
	Elizabeth A. Malia of Boston	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
BOSTON.....	2,409	37	752	3,198	-	16	62	78
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>2,409</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>3,198</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>78</b>

State Election								
Eleventh Suffolk District	Elizabeth A. Malia of Boston Democratic	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast				
BOSTON								
Wd. 11, Pct. 1.....	460	2	167	629				
2.....	751	11	252	1,014				
3.....	634	8	174	816				
4.....	959	13	253	1,225				
5.....	714	7	252	973				
6.....	690	10	163	863				
7.....	949	9	208	1,166				
8.....	918	10	225	1,153				
9.....	609	12	104	725				
10.....	856	7	172	1,035				
Wd. 12, Pct. 7.....	1,067	9	367	1,443				
9.....	516	5	160	681				
Wd. 14, Pct. 3.....	581	11	180	772				
Wd. 19, Pct. 6.....	1,111	7	218	1,336				
7.....	1,020	9	231	1,260				
9.....	542	4	121	667				
10.....	942	9	295	1,246				
11.....	685	9	193	887				
13.....	628	6	206	840				
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>14,632</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>3,941</b>	<b>18,731</b>				

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Twelfth Suffolk District	Democratic Primary				Republican Primary			
	Linda Dorceana Forry of Boston	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
BOSTON.....	1,908	24	445	2,377	-	4	86	90
Milton.....	333	2	93	428	-	3	32	35
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>2,241</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>2,805</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>125</b>

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Twelfth Suffolk District	Linda Dorceana Forry of Boston Democratic	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
BOSTON				
Wd. 16, Pct. 8.....	780	15	255	1,050
11.....	741	24	269	1,034
Wd. 17, Pct. 4.....	1,063	14	275	1,352
10.....	897	12	148	1,057
11.....	312	1	80	393
12.....	562	5	117	684
13.....	842	13	242	1,097
14.....	655	11	132	798
Wd. 18, Pct. 1.....	1,114	13	220	1,347
2.....	852	7	165	1,024
3.....	968	12	216	1,196
4.....	939	12	195	1,146
5.....	997	11	184	1,192
6.....	1,103	11	242	1,356
21.....	1,091	14	209	1,314
Milton				
Pct. 1.....	1,275	8	295	1,578
2.....	1,252	11	433	1,696
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>15,443</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>3,677</b>	<b>19,314</b>



Thirteenth Suffolk District	Democratic Primary				Republican Primary			
	Martin J. Walsh of Boston	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
BOSTON.....	1,980	27	382	2,389	-	28	251	279
QUINCY.....	78	3	11	92	-	34	2	36
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>2,058</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>2,481</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>315</b>

State Election				
Thirteenth Suffolk District	Martin J. Walsh of Boston Democratic	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
BOSTON				
Wd. 7, Pct. 9.....	591	11	139	741
Wd. 13, Pct. 6.....	668	6	229	903
7.....	697	16	184	897
8.....	605	13	144	762
9.....	670	13	193	876
10.....	1,006	16	210	1,232
Wd. 15, Pct. 6.....	341	4	128	473
Wd. 16, Pct. 1.....	477	14	198	689
2.....	406	11	106	523
3.....	694	14	233	941
4.....	665	8	179	852
5.....	768	13	178	959
6.....	891	26	277	1,194
7.....	744	14	173	931
9.....	839	10	218	1,067
10.....	719	14	175	908
12.....	814	11	186	1,011
Wd. 17, Pct. 3.....	913	14	273	1,200
5.....	465	10	111	586
QUINCY				
Wd. 3, Pct. 3.....	771	15	218	1,004
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>13,744</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>3,752</b>	<b>17,749</b>

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Fourteenth Suffolk District	Democratic Primary					Republican Primary			
	Angelo M. Scaccia of Boston	Anthony Joseph Solimine of Boston	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
BOSTON.....	1,986	594	13	536	3,129	-	35	278	313
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>1,986</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>3,129</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>313</b>

State Election

Fourteenth Suffolk District	Angelo M. Scaccia of Boston Democratic	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
BOSTON				
Wd. 18, Pct. 9.....	815	21	263	1,099
10.....	1,114	17	366	1,497
11.....	680	12	257	949
12.....	823	17	233	1,073
13.....	494	6	122	622
14.....	487	1	158	646
15.....	759	11	215	985
16.....	923	15	269	1,207
17.....	845	14	210	1,069
18.....	1,031	14	296	1,341
19.....	1,268	18	308	1,594
20.....	1,191	19	278	1,488
22.....	934	13	309	1,256
23.....	651	8	120	779
Wd. 20, Pct. 3.....	870	11	374	1,255
8.....	604	8	237	849
9.....	694	9	245	948
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>14,183</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>4,260</b>	<b>18,657</b>

Fifteenth Suffolk District	Democratic Primary				Republican Primary			
	Jeffrey Sánchez of Boston	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
BOSTON.....	2,171	37	579	2,787	-	14	122	136
Brookline .....	296	1	59	356	-	-	55	55
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>2,467</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>3,143</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>191</b>

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Fifteenth Suffolk District	Jeffrey Sánchez of Boston Democratic	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
BOSTON				
Wd. 10, Pct. 1.....	492	8	105	605
2.....	540	9	130	679
3.....	532	8	118	658
4.....	771	14	315	1,100
5.....	617	17	161	795
6.....	579	5	149	733
7.....	836	15	219	1,070
8.....	843	11	245	1,099
9.....	1,171	19	253	1,443
Wd. 19, Pct. 1.....	856	9	182	1,047
2.....	961	18	329	1,308
3.....	721	8	164	893
4.....	980	6	210	1,196
5.....	782	8	188	978
8.....	594	1	122	717
Wd. 20, Pct. 2.....	932	16	266	1,214
4.....	739	10	245	994
Brookline				
Pct. 5.....	1,471	2	484	1,957
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>14,417</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>3,885</b>	<b>18,486</b>

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Sixteenth Suffolk District	Democratic Primary				Republican Primary			
	Kathi-Anne Reinstein of Revere	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
CHELSEA .....	290	.	80	370	-	-	50	50
REVERE .....	1,206	16	340	1,562	-	59	353	412
Saugus .....	150	1	16	167	-	-	91	91
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>1,646</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>2,099</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>553</b>

State Election				
Sixteenth Suffolk District	Kathi-Anne Reinstein of Revere Democratic	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
CHELSEA				
Wd. 3, Pct. 2.....	414	-	169	583
4.....	392	-	154	546
Wd. 4, Pct. 2.....	560	-	247	807
3.....	471	-	202	673
REVERE				
Wd. 1, Pct. 3.....	737	5	220	962
Wd. 3, Pct. 1.....	729	16	245	990
Wd. 4, Pct. 1.....	807	18	248	1,073
2.....	712	11	257	980
3.....	890	6	317	1,213
Wd. 5, Pct. 1.....	650	18	247	915
1A.....	429	7	138	574
2.....	383	7	122	512
2A.....	321	7	97	425
Wd. 6, Pct. 1.....	888	25	317	1,230
2.....	989	21	372	1,382
3.....	645	12	184	841
Saugus				
Pct. 3.....	888	9	469	1,366
10.....	856	15	391	1,262
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>11,761</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>4,396</b>	<b>16,334</b>

Seventeenth Suffolk District	Democratic Primary				Republican Primary			
	Kevin G. Honan of Boston	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
BOSTON.....	812	9	134	955	-	9	96	105
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>105</b>

State Election				
Seventeenth Suffolk District	Kevin G. Honan of Boston Democratic	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
BOSTON				
Wd. 21, Pct. 3.....	605	7	144	756
5.....	698	16	144	858
6.....	603	10	129	742
7.....	709	7	174	890
8.....	854	17	183	1,054
9.....	913	12	186	1,111
10.....	674	9	173	856
11.....	868	15	186	1,069
12.....	786	15	259	1,060
15.....	623	6	152	781
Wd. 22, Pct. 2.....	940	22	272	1,234
3.....	910	12	195	1,117
6.....	527	12	105	644
9.....	675	15	223	913
10.....	882	19	187	1,088
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>11,267</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>2,712</b>	<b>14,173</b>

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Eighteenth Suffolk District	Democratic Primary				Republican Primary			
	Michael J. Moran of Boston	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
BOSTON.....	836	22	196	1,054	-	18	113	131
Brookline .....	170	2	76	248	-	1	38	39
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>1,006</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>1,302</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>170</b>

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Eighteenth Suffolk District	Michael J. Moran of Boston Democratic	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
BOSTON				
Wd. 21, Pct. 2.....	647	5	140	792
4.....	465	7	136	608
13.....	917	16	498	1,431
14.....	514	2	119	635
16.....	813	23	274	1,110
Wd. 22, Pct. 1.....	945	7	303	1,255
4.....	601	15	171	787
5.....	441	5	158	604
7.....	769	15	221	1,005
8.....	640	16	259	915
11.....	566	5	166	737
12.....	538	12	192	742
13.....	446	9	132	587
Brookline				
Pct. 1.....	1,255	4	448	1,707
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>9,557</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>3,217</b>	<b>12,915</b>

Nineteenth Suffolk District	Democratic Primary				Republican Primary			
	Robert A. DeLeo of Winthrop	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	Paul A. Caruccio of Winthrop	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
REVERE .....	798	4	175	977	168	1	72	241
Winthrop .....	1,053	9	206	1,268	293	3	69	365
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>1,851</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>2,245</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>606</b>
<b>State Election</b>								
Nineteenth Suffolk District	Robert A. DeLeo of Winthrop Democratic	Paul A. Caruccio of Winthrop Republican	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast			
REVERE								
Wd. 1, Pct. 1 .....	811	200	2	110	1,123			
2 .....	699	140	2	100	941			
Wd. 2, Pct. 1 .....	519	108	3	61	691			
2 .....	461	106	1	109	677			
3 .....	239	42	1	53	335			
3A .....	115	27	-	7	149			
Wd. 3, Pct. 2 .....	713	152	-	119	984			
3 .....	724	161	2	108	995			
Wd. 5, Pc. 3 .....	747	187	1	87	1,022			
Winthrop								
Pct. 1 .....	1,175	397	6	52	1,630			
2 .....	1,058	372	3	63	1,496			
3 .....	1,085	349	4	52	1,490			
4 .....	934	352	1	62	1,349			
5 .....	1,149	370	3	61	1,583			
6 .....	1,026	338	2	82	1,448			
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>11,455</b>	<b>3,301</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1,126</b>	<b>15,913</b>			

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First Worcester District	Democratic Primary				Republican Primary			
	No Nomination	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	Kimberly N. Ferguson of Holden	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Holden.....	-	6	502	508	521	-	24	545
Paxton.....	-	-	120	120	65	-	6	71
Princeton.....	-	-	103	103	84	-	12	96
Rutland.....	-	24	185	209	156	-	6	162
Sterling.....	-	-	98	98	118	-	8	126
Westminster.....	-	-	66	66	119	-	17	136
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1,074</b>	<b>1,104</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>1,136</b>

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First Worcester District	Kimberly N. Ferguson of Holden Republican	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Holden				
Pct. 1.....	1,632	10	483	2,125
2.....	1,504	18	569	2,091
3.....	1,533	9	489	2,031
4.....	1,579	6	501	2,086
5.....	1,720	14	542	2,276
Paxton.....	1,802	6	752	2,560
Princeton.....	1,655	6	669	2,330
Rutland				
Pct. 1.....	1,075	14	388	1,477
2.....	1,185	19	332	1,536
3.....	1,116	19	367	1,502
Sterling				
Pct. 1.....	1,753	3	672	2,428
Westminster				
Pct. 2.....	1,664	18	557	2,239
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>18,218</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>6,321</b>	<b>24,681</b>



Second Worcester District	Democratic Primary				Republican Primary				
	Jonathan D. Zlotnik of Gardner	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast	Richard Bastien of Gardner	Scott J. Graves of Gardner	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Ashburnham.....	133	1	19	153	152	55	1	7	215
GARDNER.....	563	11	96	670	552	332	2	9	895
Westminster.....	37	-	7	44	77	23	-	2	102
Winchendon.....	130	-	21	151	188	52	-	9	249
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>1,018</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1,461</b>

State Election					
Second Worcester District	Richard Bastien of Gardner Republican	Jonathan D. Zlotnik of Gardner Democratic	All Others	Blanks	Total Votes Cast
Ashburnham.....	1,537	1,465	7	245	3,254
GARDNER					
Wd. 1, Pct. A.....	496	554	-	44	1,094
B.....	227	176	-	28	431
Wd. 2, Pct. A.....	386	470	1	32	889
B.....	467	490	3	53	1,013
Wd. 3, Pct. A.....	288	433	-	41	762
B.....	434	525	-	40	999
Wd. 4, Pct. A.....	312	468	-	40	820
B.....	215	319	-	14	548
Wd. 5, Pct. A.....	298	382	1	22	703
B.....	419	550	3	48	1,020
Westminster					
Pct. 1.....	1,055	855	1	160	2,071
Winchendon					
Pct. 1.....	502	471	5	79	1,057
1A.....	157	159	2	22	340
2.....	725	624	7	94	1,450
3.....	676	587	9	82	1,354
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>8,194</b>	<b>8,528</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1,044</b>	<b>17,805</b>