

**CPA Ballot Petition**

Shall Middleborough accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive of Chapter 44B of the General Laws and approve a surcharge rate of two percent (2%) of the real estate tax levy against real property with an exemption for \$100,000.00 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property and with an exemption 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 in Middleborough, a summary of which appears below?

**SUMMARY:** Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act, establish a dedicated funding source to acquire and preserve open space, parks and conservation land, protect public drinking water supplies, and scenic areas, protect farm land and forests from future development, restore and preserve historic properties, and help meet local families' housing needs. In Middleborough, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by an additional excise of 2% on the annual tax levy on real property commencing in fiscal year 2010 and by matching funds provided by the state. The following exemptions from such surcharge under Section 3 of said Act shall 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 Middleborough, as defined in Section 2 of said Act; and (2) \$100,000.00 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property. Any taxpayer receiving an exemption of real property authorized by Chapter 59 of the General Laws shall be exempt from any surcharge on real property under Section 3 of the Act. The surcharge to be paid by a taxpayer receiving an abatement of real property shall be reduced in proportion to the amount of the abatement. A Community Preservation Committee composed of local citizens will make recommendations to Town Meeting on the use of the funds and all expenditures will be subject to approval by Town Meeting and an annual audit. A "yes" vote means that the Community Preservation Act will be in effect in Middleborough. A "no" vote means that the Act will not be in effect in Middleborough.

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