

**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
MUNICIPAL ELECTION
MALDEN, MASSACHUSETTS
NOVEMBER 3, 2015
WARD 1**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ☒
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

MAYOR

For four years Vote for not
more than ONE

GARY J. CHRISTENSON
72 Ashland Street, Unit 406 Candidate for re-election

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(Write-in)

COUNCILLOR AT LARGE

For two years Vote for not
more than THREE

DAVID D'ARCANGELO
183 Bainbridge Street (Ward Five) Candidate for re-election

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DEBBIE A. DeMARIA
290 Clifton Street (Ward Three) Candidate for re-election

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CRAIG SPADAFORA
75 Elm Street (Ward Three) Candidate for re-election

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ADAM WELDAI
97 Hill Street (Ward Five)

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(Write-in)

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

WARD ONE COUNCILLOR

For two years Vote for not
more than ONE

PEG CROWE
9 Hancock Street Candidate for Re-election

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(Write-in)

**WARD ONE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER**

For two years Vote for not
more than ONE

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(Write-in)

QUESTIONS

Question #1

(This is a non-binding question.)

Should the City impose a one year moratorium on development of multi-family residential buildings of five units or more, except in the Central Business District, in order to conduct studies and develop a plan with citizen input to determine appropriate density and population?

YES ☐

NO ☐

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

QUESTIONS CONTINUED

Question #2

(This is a non-binding question.)

Do you support City acquisition of a portion of land at the location of the former Malden Hospital to create open green space and a historic park dedicated to the hospital's place in Malden history, including the groups and individuals who share that history?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Question #3

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

YES ☐

NO ☐

Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act, (hereinafter "the 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, and rehabilitate local parks, playgrounds, and athletic fields, (2) acquire, preserve, rehabilitate or restore historic buildings and resources, and (3) acquire, create, preserve and support affordable housing.

In Malden, the funding source for these community preservation purposes will be a surcharge of 1% (one percent) on the annual property tax assessed on real property beginning in Fiscal Year 2017, other local funds which may be committed by the City Council for community preservation purposes subject to the limitations in Section 3(b) 1/2 of Chapter 44B and by annual distributions made by the state from a trust fund created by the Act. Only communities that adopt the Community Preservation Act receive a distribution from the state trust fund.

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 Malden, as defined in Section 2 of the Act, (2) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property, (3) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of class three, commercial, and class four, industrial, properties as defined in G.L. c.59, §2A. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a prorated reduction in the surcharge.

For example, based on the current residential tax rate and the 30% residential exemption, both of which are subject to change each year, a residential property with an assessed value of \$375,000 would be surcharged \$25.69 if it is owner occupied, or \$43.26 if it is non-owner occupied.

Upon acceptance 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. 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 and recreation, (2) historic resources and (3) affordable housing.

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING