



OFFICIAL BALLOT  
SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION  
TOWN OF CONCORD  
THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017

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Acting Town Clerk

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QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Concord 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 by the Concord-Carlisle Regional School District for the purpose of paying costs of **LANDFILL SITE REMEDIATION**, as required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, at 500 Walden Street, Concord, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto?

YES

NO

QUESTION 2

Shall the Town of Concord accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 374 of the Acts of 2016, "An Act Establishing A Senior Means-Tested Property Tax Exemption in the Town of Concord," a fair and concise summary which appears below?

A Tax Fairness Committee was appointed by the Select Board to examine the "fair allocation of property tax burdens" as well as the "loss of economic diversity resulting from reliance on the property tax in Concord." The Tax Fairness Committee's proposal, which was approved and codified as Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 374 of the Acts of 2016, is intended to assist seniors with limited incomes to stay in their homes as the property tax burden continues to rise. In 2012, the State Legislature passed a similar measure for the Town of Sudbury. Pursuant to Chapter 374 of the Acts of 2016, the legislation will go into effect only if approved by (1) Town Meeting; and (2) the Town's voters. Town Meeting has now approved the acceptance of the legislation. If the special legislation receives an affirmative vote at this election, the Senior Means-Tested Property Tax Exemption would operate as follows: income limits for the exemption are tied to the requirement of the State Income Tax Circuit Breaker - currently no more than \$56,000 for a single homeowner and \$70,000 for a married couple. The assessed value of the property must be lower than the median value of a Concord single family home. Applicants' property tax cannot be reduced by more than 50%. The value of all such exemptions granted cannot exceed more than 1/2 of 1% of the Town's property tax levy. The exemption is funded by a shift in the residential tax rate and must be reviewed again in 3 years.

YES

NO