

# On July 25, 2009, Come Together for Abington - Vote Yes

## **Vote Yes on July 25<sup>th</sup>:**

The Come Together for Abington Committee is a group of concerned Abington residents who are organizing resources to raise awareness of the upcoming override vote. As a group we support Abington as a WHOLE and are aware that we can no longer take basic funding levels for essential town services for granted.

Our town services and our schools are what shape Abington into being a solid foundation for our residents. Abington is not just simply a place to live but rather a place to raise our children and watch them grow and thrive – giving them every available opportunity and resource to do so in a safe environment. We must continue to do this for the residents of Abington.

The proposed override does not add any additional services or positions to any departments. The override is simply to keep what limited services we already have. We do not want our town to fall behind. With insufficient staffing for police and fire, reduced library hours and a school system in crisis, our property values will go down. Would you choose to move into a town with this situation?

The town of Abington is at a crossroads. Let's take the initiative to preserve our essential services and maintain our quality of life.

On July 25<sup>th</sup> let's come together to preserve Abington's reputation and chart a course toward the future!

## **The Numbers:**

Override Breakdown:

Schools	\$1,371,700
Police	\$181,339
Fire	\$114,000
Library	<u>\$43,457</u>
Total	\$1,710,496

### **What will this cost the Abington Homeowner?**

\$250K Home, \$216/yr, \$18/Month, \$0.59/day  
\$350K Home, \$303/yr, \$25/Month, \$0.83/day

Should the override not pass the negative impact on your property value and quality of life will be far greater.

Let's not lower the value of our town!!

## **Invest in Abington!!!!**

### **Invest in our Families....**

### **Invest in our Future....**

# **VOTE YES !!!**

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## **The consequences of the override not passing:**

- LOWER PROPERTY VALUES!!
- Closing of North School: If this override does not pass North Elementary School **will** close
- Lay-off of 41.5 Staff Members which includes 20 Teachers and 21.5 Instructional Support Positions
- 30+ class Sizes
- Some high school students needing waivers to graduate, impacting acceptance into various colleges.
- Eliminates 1 Full-time Detective – dramatically reducing shift coverage making the department less proactive
- Loss of 1 Police Cruiser
- Eliminates 1 Full-time Firefighter
- Eliminates 4 Part-time Fire dispatchers
- Loss of 2-3 Ambulance shifts per week-there will not be ambulance service available for all 7 days of the week
- Lay-off of 3 part-time library employees
- Loss of \$20,000 in Books and Materials

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## **Ready to help out?**

The committee is looking for volunteers to assist on a number of fundraising and campaign events.

Whether you assist by purchasing a lawn sign, handing out flyers in your neighborhood or attending the July 10<sup>th</sup> party, it will be your effort that will make this override a success.

## **Mark your Calendar:**

**Yard Sale** – The committee will be holding a yard sale on Sunday, 7/5/09 at 105 North Ave, Abington, from 9am – 2pm.

**Thank You Abington!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**The yard sale event held Sunday was a huge success!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**Help us keep the momentum!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**Adopt a Sign** – the VOTE YES signs are in. For \$20 (price negotiable) you can purchase a lawn sign in support of the override. Please email a committee member and the sign will be delivered to your home.

**“Taste of Abington”/Cocktail Party** – raffles, silent auction & DJ: Friday, July 10, 2009 @ Abington VFW, Central Street - 7PM. If you would like to purchase a ticket (\$10.00/pp) or donate a raffle or silent auction item please contact Rosie Walls at: 781-871-7711 or email: [rosie333@verizon.net](mailto:rosie333@verizon.net)

## **Make a Donation:**

Donations made to the Committee will go directly to supporting our effort.

Please make checks payable to:  
Come Together for Abington Committee

Forward to:

**Come Together for Abington Committee**  
**P.O. Box 2228**  
**Abington, MA 02351**

## **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Please email a committee member if you're able to assist with:

Delivering signs

Handing out flyers in your neighborhood

Organizing and assisting at the Auction / Fundraiser

Holding a sign...to be determined...we will be holding signs in favor of the override at certain main intersections soon.

Attending Committee Meetings

Assisting on Election Day

Making telephone Calls

## **Absentee Ballots:**

Instructions on obtaining absentee ballots:

Absentee ballots can be completed at Town Hall and must be received by the Town Clerk no later than 12:00pm on July 24, 2009.

If you need a ballot mailed to you, you must submit your request in writing to:

Linda Adams-Town Clerk  
500 Gliniewicz Way  
Abington, MA 02351

## **Recent Override Success:**

Rockland, MA recently passed an override in the amount of \$2,769,392.00 to support their schools and town services.

This investment in their community passed with an overwhelming margin of close to 3:1.

## **Contact Information:**

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Face Book Page: Come Together for Abington

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As Parents, Grandparents and Abington Citizens we spend many hours mentoring, teaching, coaching and supporting our children.

On Friday, July 10th, let's come together to ensure they receive the quality education and community support they deserve.

- **Silent Auction including: U-2, Red Sox, Celtics and Patriots Tickets.**
- **Door Prize**

## **“A TASTE OF ABINGTON”**



Come join us for a night out sponsored by the Come Together for Abington Committee

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FRIDAY, 7/10/09, 7 – 11 PM  
VFW –CENTRAL STREET-  
ABINGTON

TICKETS \$10.00 PER PERSON

Contact Rosie Walls 781-871-7711 or email [rosie333@verizon.net](mailto:rosie333@verizon.net)

SAMPLE FOODS FROM  
ABINGTON RESTAURANTS

DJ-RAFFLES-AUCTION

*ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT  
PROMOTIONAL EFFORTS TO SUPPORT  
THE OVERRIDE VOTE TO BE HELD 7/25/09*

- **40+ Raffle Items**
- **DJ / Cocktails**
- **Great food, Great time, Great Price (\$10)**

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