

****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**** November 24, 2024

****NEEDHAM, MA** Needham Residents for Thoughtful Zoning**

YOUR VOTE MATTERS

With 3,927 signatures certified and 95 pages (*containing over 360 additional signatures*) remaining uncounted, the Needham Town Clerk declared the threshold for a referendum election set by the Needham Town Charter met. A Select Board Meeting scheduled for Monday night at 6:00 PM will set the date for the election.

We support housing, compliance with the MBTA Communities Act and thoughtful zoning.

We ask everyone to vote “No” to void the narrowly passed (118 - 90) extreme 3,296 unit plan, nearly double the state required 1,784 units. This overly-compliant plan allows large and dense developments of up to 4 1/2 stories. This plan sacrifices Needham’s control over its zoning while failing to include provisions for senior housing and neighborhoods.

The fully compliant “Base Plan,” was overwhelmingly approved by the vote of Town Meeting in October. It was fully supported by the Select Board, Planning Board and Finance Committee. This Plan allows Needham to comply with the state law and still maintain our ability to encourage development that is good for Needham: senior housing, smaller developments, and starter homes. It better protects our existing small businesses.

We trust the residents of Needham to understand the zoning proposals and to decide what is best for our town. We encourage everyone to get the facts.

After the referendum vote, town meeting can be scheduled quickly to re-enact the **“Base Plan”**.

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