

TWO BALLOT QUESTIONS ON THE NOVEMBER 2nd BALLOT

Lyons School funding: Question #1 is about borrowing approximately \$20 million for construction of the new Lyons School. This would accompany \$30 million from the state (total construction cost \$50 million). The School Committee and MSBA (the state agency Massachusetts School Building Authority) have been working on this plan for several years. Pro's and Con's:

- Voting YES would commit **\$20 million in property tax revenue** to repaying the bond. The average home's property tax would increase by \$100 per year.
- Voting **NO would reject the MSBA's \$30 million** and exclude Randolph from the list of MSBA funding recipients for the next 5 to 10 years.
- Voting **YES would accept the MSBA's \$30 million** which advocates believe is "Randolph's turn" after wealthier towns had their turn during the last decade.
- Opponents note that property taxes would increase for all residents, including apartment building owners passing on the tax increase by raising rent by about \$100 per year.
- The new Lyons School is on the site of the old Devine School; the old Devine School will be torn down. The new traffic activity on Old Street could be alleviated by a **new traffic entrance from Reed Street**.

QUESTION 1

Question: Shall the Town of Randolph be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to pay costs of designing, constructing, equipping and furnishing a new Lyons Elementary School to be located at or about 55 Old Street, Randolph, Massachusetts (Town Assessor's Parcel ID Number 12-B-28.00 and adjacent parcels), including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto?

Recreational marijuana: Question #2 would allow retail recreational marijuana sales in addition to the existing medical marijuana rules.

- Voting YES would allow the Town Council to set up a **zoning area for a recreational marijuana shop**. The Town Council would have another vote to decide where in town is ok.
- Voting **NO would mean no recreational marijuana can be sold in Randolph** (no zoning anywhere in town).
- **Medical marijuana zoning was rejected at Pacella Park**, but accepted at Teed Drive and in the Great Bear Swamp (near Route 24).
- There's a **special 3% sales tax allowed for recreational marijuana sales**. In other towns, this brings in over \$1 million in tax revenue (in addition to the usual property tax).

QUESTION 2

Question: Shall the Town of Randolph adopt the Amendments to the Town of Randolph Zoning Ordinances as set forth below which Amendments would permit the operation of recreational Marijuana Establishments as defined in M.G.L. ch. 94G, § 1 within the Town of Randolph?

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