

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

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January 12, 1987

Dear Municipal Official:

On November 13, 1986 I wrote to you regarding our proposal to put a local aid referendum question on the statewide ballot in 1988. Specifically, the question would ask the voters to approve the return of 50% of the state's growth taxes to the cities and towns; part of the distribution of that local aid would be based on population and the remainder at the discretion of the Legislature and the Governor, provided no city or town received an increase of more than 50% of its local aid through Additional Assistance, Chapter 70, and the Lottery.

The Town of Arlington has secured legal assistance to prepare the appropriate information necessary for the Attorney General's Office, which must review and approve the question to appear on the statewide ballot. If the Attorney General finds the question legally proper and consistent with our state constitution, the Secretary of State would then prepare the petition forms to be used to gather signatures statewide. If the Attorney General disapproves our question, the Town could appeal to the State Supreme Court.

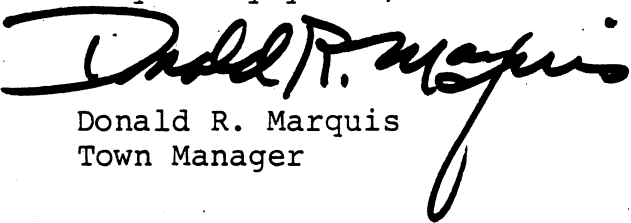
I have received many letters of support from municipal officials from several communities; I would appreciate very much hearing from the rest of you. In addition, I have been contacted by the media and the Worcester Telegram Gazette carried an in depth article in its Sunday paper on December 14 regarding our proposal. Finally, Representative John H. Flood, Chairman of the Committee on Taxation, wrote to me on December 4 expressing his full and strong support for our proposal and stating that he will introduce legislation in the upcoming session to increase local aid from 40% to 50% of growth taxes. Obviously, some progress has been made already. I would like to strongly suggest that town

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officials consider including articles in their Town Meeting warrants and that city officials pass City Council resolutions instructing their Senators and Representatives to vote in favor of Representative Flood's bill.

Again, things are moving along very well regarding our local aid question and we will communicate with you again as we develop more information.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald R. Marquis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "D" and "M".

Donald R. Marquis
Town Manager

DRM/s

Comm. from Donald R. Marquis, Arlington Town
Manager Re: the Town's proposal to place a local
aid referendum question on the 1988 state-wide
ballot for the return of 50% of the State's
growth taxes to cities & towns; said comm. re-
questing support of this proposal.

In City Council,

January 26, 1987

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Manager for Report

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