



BOARD OF ALDERMEN

NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02159

March 29, 1979

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Edward G. English

For the past several months a Subcommittee of the Newton Board of Aldermen has been looking into the operations of Middlesex County government.

Although we have been frustrated at every attempt to get the appropriate information, we have discovered flagrant abuses in upgrading of salaries, appropriations for needless positions, excessive patronage, incredible amounts of waste, and possible violation of statutory law.

Newton and Framingham have voted to withhold hundreds of thousands of dollars of their County assessment until the pertinent information is provided that will allow us to evaluate the cost and distribution of services in Middlesex County.

We feel that the time has come to encourage other cities and towns to get involved in the questioning of county practices and costs.

We believe that after you hear about the abuses first-hand that you may well want to get your community involved in a similar type of protest and possible curative action to correct the defects and lessen the burdens of County government on the cities and towns.

THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING A MEETING OF AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF EVERY MUNICIPAL BODY IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 1979, IN THE ALDERMANIC CHAMBER OF NEWTON CITY HALL AT 7:00 P.M.

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You are requested to delegate at least one member of your City Council, Board of Selectmen, or Board of Aldermen to represent the interests of your community.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE REPRESENTATIVE BE A MEMBER OF THE LOCALLY ELECTED BODY. IT SHOULD NOT BE YOUR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD, unless the representative to the Advisory Board is an elected representative of your community.

The tentative agenda will include a:

1. Detailed presentation of the waste in County government
2. Discussion of services that County government should provide or should be eliminated
3. Discussion of ways to make Middlesex County more accountable
4. Discussion of potential legislation to restructure the administration of County government
5. Discussion of possibility of requesting a federal audit of Middlesex County
6. Discussion of pending legislation affecting the Middlesex County Budget process

At a time when local communities are faced with cutbacks, layoffs, and increased pressure to reduce expenditures, we can no longer tolerate the waste in other levels of government for which we must pick up the tab.

We believe that this meeting is the first step in curing the abuse of County government. Therefore, it would be appreciated if you could appoint at least one representative from your municipal governing body to be present at this meeting.

The meeting will be an open discussion and the more representatives of each community will increase its effectiveness and impact.

Please reply to Mr. Edward English, the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen (552-7034) or a member of his staff by April 5, 1979, as to whether a representative of your community will be able to attend and the name of that elected official.

You will find Mr. English most courteous and cooperative in providing additional information if such is needed.

We look forward to seeing you on April 10, 1979.

Ad Hoc Committee on Middlesex County

Mark A. White
WA Mark White
W2 Terry Morris
W8 Cynthia Creem
W11 Carol Ann Shea
W9 Robert Tennant

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Comm. from Mark A. White, Ad Hoc Committee on Middlesex County, requesting a meeting of at least one representative of every municipal body in Middlesex County on April 10, 1979 at 7 p.m.

In City Council,

April 9, 1979

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