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John P. Cloonan
Director of Elections

April 3, 1986

PROPOSED DISTRICT BOUNDARIES FOR ELECTING COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION

Your county government has decided to place on the November 4, 1986 state election ballot the question of whether to elect a charter commission. This charter commission would study the county's form of government, and decide whether to recommend a proposed charter for approval by the county's voters.

The charter commission would consist of fifteen members, to be elected from fifteen districts of approximately equal population. Under the law (chapter 34A, section 6 of the Massachusetts General Laws), the Secretary of State is responsible for drawing the district boundaries.

A map and descriptions of the Secretary's proposed districts are attached for public comment. Once the Secretary determines the final district boundaries, no later than June 1, 1986, nomination papers and instructions for county charter commission candidates will be available from the Elections Division and at many city and town halls. These candidates' names will appear on the November 4 state election ballot, immediately before the question of whether to elect the charter commission.

All comments on the proposed district boundaries must be in writing, and must be received no later than May 12, 1986. Whenever possible, comments should recommend specific alternatives, bearing in mind that all district populations must remain within 10 percent above or below the average district population for the county. Direct comments, or requests for further information, to:

Elections Division
Office of the Secretary of State
One Ashburton Place Room 1705
Boston, MA 02108
(617) 727-2828
1-(800) 462-VOTE

Middlesex County Charter Commission Districts

Population: 1,344,504
 Average: 89,634
 ± Variance: 80,673 - 98,601

District	City/Town	Population	Total	Variance
One	Ashby	2,456		
	Townsend	8,140		
	Pepperell	8,661		
	Dunstable	1,889		
	Tyngsborough	6,194		
	Dracut	22,200		
	Groton	6,567		
	Shirley	5,202		
	Ayer	6,014		
	Westford	15,051		
	Littleton	6,984	89,358	0.30
Two	Lowell	95,339	95,339	+6.36
Three	Chelmsford	30,684		
	Billerica	36,687		
	Carlisle	3,862		
	Bedford	11,709	82,942	-7.46
Four	Tewksbury	24,442		
	Wilmington	17,704		
	Reading	21,993		
	No. Reading	11,897		
	Burlington	22,514	98,550	+9.96
Five	Woburn	34,793		
	Winchester	20,763		
	Lexington	29,224	84,780	-5.40
Six	Wakefield	24,495		
	Stoneham	21,836		
	Melrose	28,744		
	Medford			
	Wds 2	7,653		
	3	8,055	90,813	+1.33
Seven	Malden	52,474		
	Everett	35,773	88,247	-1.54
Eight	Medford			
	Wds 1, 4-7	41,466		
	Somerville			
	Wds 1-5	50,168	91,634	+2.24
Nine	Somerville			
	Wds 6	10,424		
	7	10,542		
	Arlington	46,465		
	Belmont	26,178	93,609	+4.45

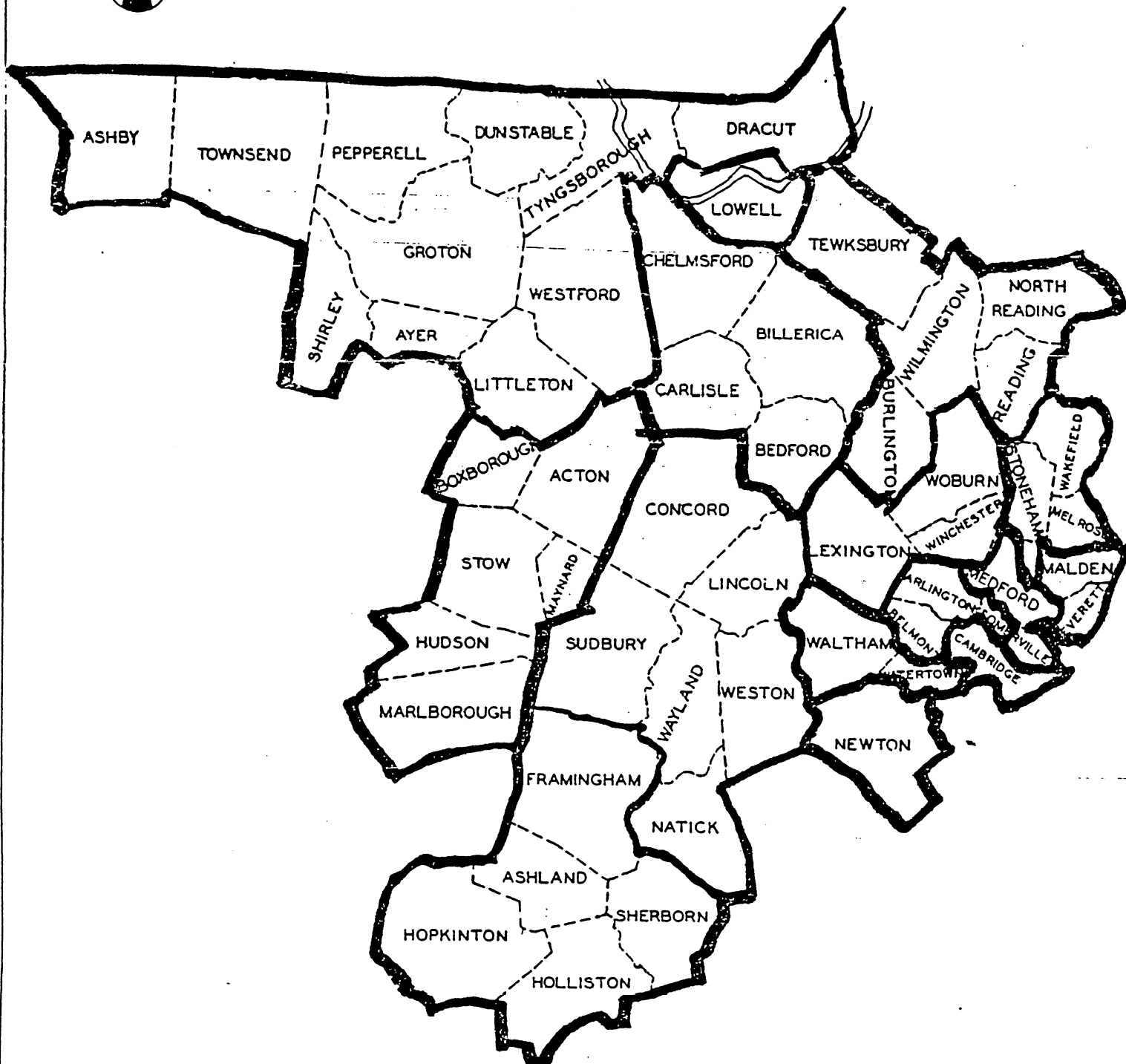
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District	City/Town	Population	Total	Variance
Ten	Cambridge	83,833	83,833	-6.46
Eleven	Newton	82,925	82,925	-7.47
Twelve	Waltham	57,955		
	Watertown	32,189	90,144	0.58
Thirteen	Lincoln	6,902		
	Weston	10,743		
	Wayland	11,432		
	Concord	15,636		
	Sudbury	13,736		
	Natick	30,280	88,729	+1.00
Fourteen	Boxborough	3,170		
	Acton	17,431		
	Stow	5,308		
	Maynard	9,708		
	Hudson	17,251		
	Marlborough	34,294	87,162	-2.75
Fifteen	Framingham	61,241		
	Sherborn	4,350		
	Holliston	12,606		
	Ashland	10,531		
	Hopkinton	7,711	96,439	+7.60

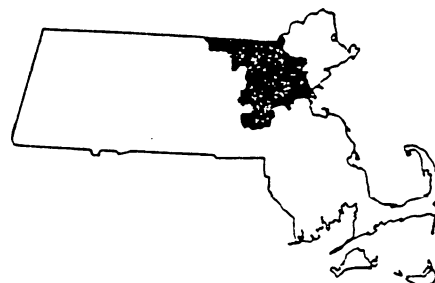
District 6-Wakefield, Stoneham, Melrose, Medford, Wds. 2, 3

District 8-Medford, Wds 1, 4-7, Somerville, Wds 1-5

District 9-Somerville, Wds 6,7, Arlington, Belmont



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MIDDLESEX COUNTY



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Comm. from John P. Cloonan, Director of Elections, Secretary of State's Office Re: placement of a question on the November 4, 1986 state ballot on the election of a charter commission to study the county's form of government & decide on recommending a proposed charter to the voters.

In City Council,

April 28, 1986

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