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TO: MIDDLESEX COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS, BOARDS OF
SELECTMEN, CITY COUNCILS, AND BOARDS OF ALDERMEN
FROM: DIANE NORRIS, MCAB COORDINATOR
RE: MEETING SUMMARY, QUORUM PROBLEMS, LEGISLATION

1. QUORUM - The Advisory Board meeting of December 15, 1982 was delayed for 1½ hours while attempts were made to secure a quorum and validate the vote of the meeting. While half the county representatives waited, calls were made to uncover the whereabouts of someone from the other half. Part of the problem lies with the correspondence directed to a specific selectman or councilor or mayor. If for any reason that person is unable to attend, no other qualified representative is aware of the meeting and the municipality goes without a vote. To change this all notices, not all background material, will go through the office of boards of selectmen and councils or boards of aldermen. Hopefully the Board will never have to wait for .11 votes to arrive.

To those cities and towns who simply chose not to come, please remember the Board has reduced the county assessment 15% in its first year of authority. For Ashby, our smallest community, that savings is enough to hire a substitute teacher for a year. This last meeting voted a \$1.8 million dollar supplemental budget BUT reduced the FY'83 assessment by about \$300,000.

2. The attached letter to Governor Dukakis is enclosed so that each city and town might add similar sentiments to the new governor. If the \$19,000,000 owed is returned directly to the cities and towns, your share would be \$ 1,035,500.
3. Senate Bill 2148 went into Ways and Means as a bill to have the state take over county courthouses and came out a bill to take over the Registries of Deeds complete with a \$13,000 pay increase for the Southern Register and creation of new jobs. There are good points to the bill, but the lack of full public discussion and hearings suggests irresponsibility. The bill is now in House Ways and Means and will be voted January 3, 1983. Contact your rep if you believe more local input is required.



Middlesex County Board of Supervisors

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IMPORTANT MCAB MEETING DATES 1983

JANUARY 5, 1983 BUDGET COMMITTEE 7:30P.M. LEXINGTON (CARY HALL)

FEBRUARY 16, 1983 PUBLIC HEARING ON FY'84 BUDGET READING

MARCH 2, 1983 MCAB FULL BOARD VOTE ON FY'84 BUDGET CONCORD

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Comm. from Diane Norris, Middlesex County
Advisory Board Re: summary of the Board
meeting held December 15, 1982 Re: quorum
problems & legislation.

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Referred to the
City Manager

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In City Council,

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