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Election '98 Issue

REPORT: CLT's 2½ PAC 1998 Endorsements

GOVERNOR

Paul Cellucci

STATE SENATE

Kevin Anderson – 2nd Essex & Middlesex

Thomas Healy – 5th Middlesex

Bill Monnie – Middlesex & Worcester

Steve Pitney – Plymouth & Barnstable

Karyn Polito – 2nd Worcester

Rep. Jo Ann Sprague – Norfolk, Bristol & Plymouth

Robert Wofford – 1st Essex

HOUSE INCUMBENTS

Donna Cuomo – 14th Essex

Barry Finegold – 17th Essex

Kevin Finnegan – 1st Essex

Paul Frost – 7th Worcester

Shirley Gomes – 4th Barnstable

Mary Jeanette Murray – 3rd Plymouth

David Peters – 6th Worcester

Susan Pope – 13th Middlesex

David Tuttle – 5th Worcester

HOUSE CHALLENGERS

Ivo Almeida – 12th Bristol

Richard Barry – 1st Hampden

Scott Brown – 9th Norfolk

Brion Cangiamila – 24th Middlesex

Chris Caputo – 8th Suffolk

Mark Casper – 14th Plymouth

Dean Cavaretta – 14th Middlesex

William Cole – 8th Plymouth

Sam Corbitt – 2nd Plymouth

Olly Demacedo – 12th Plymouth

Vinny Demacedo – 1st Plymouth

Rodney Fountain – 13th Hampden

Ginny Gardner – 12th Middlesex

Ben Gatchell – 8th Essex

Kerry Murphy Healey – 6th Essex

Chris Huban – 7th Norfolk

Michele Merolla – 10th Bristol

Bill O'Leary – 34th Middlesex

Steve Olson – 7th Plymouth

Ralph Romano – 3rd Worcester

Leonard Umina – 4th Middlesex

Mark Vainas – 12th Essex

Jerry Vengrow – 6th Middlesex

CLT&G provides the voter information included in this issue to its membership as a service to help you in making your decisions.

For further information, we invite you to visit our website at: <http://cltg.org>.

Please remember to vote on Tuesday, November 3rd.

Legislative endorsements are given to incumbents who have an opponent and at least a 70% rating with CLT&G, and to viable challengers who have returned a taxpayer questionnaire with the right answers and have taken the "no new taxes" pledge.

Legislative Ratings: 1997 - 98 Session

House Members

Angelo	(D-Saugus)	20%	Goguen	(D-Fitchburg)	15%
Bellotti	(D-Quincy)	30%	Golden	(D-Lowell)	25%
Binienda	(D-Worcester)	10%	Gomes	(R-Harwich)	80%
Bosley	(D-North Adams)	10%	Greene	(D-Billerica)	15%
Broadhurst	(D-Methuen)	26%	Hahn	(R-Westfield)	80%
Businger	(D-Brookline)	15%	Haley	(D-Weymouth)	11%
Cabral	(D-New Bedford)	15%	Hall	(D-Westford)	15%
Cahill	(D-Beverly)	15%	Hargraves	(R-Groton)	80%
Cahir	(D-Bourne)	10%	Harkins	(D-Needham)	10%
Canavan	(D-Brockton)	16%	Hart	(D-Boston)	15%
Candaras	(D-Wilbraham)	15%	Hodgkins	(D-Lee)	42%
Caron	(D-Springfield)	5%	Honan	(D-Boston)	15%
Casey	(D-Winchester)	16%	Hyland	(R-Foxboro)	82%
Chandler	(D-Worcester)	10%	Hynes	(D-Marshfield)	60%
Chesky	(D-Holyoke)	15%	Iannuccillo	(D-Lawrence)	35%
Ciampa	(D-Somerville)	15%	Jehlen	(D-Somerville)	15%
Clark	(R-Hamilton)	90%	Jones	(R-North Reading)	90%
Cleven	(R-Chelmsford)	60%	Kafka	(D-Sharon)	15%
Connolly	(D-Everett)	11%	Kaprielian	(D-Watertown)	10%
Correia	(D-Fall River)	15%	Kaufman	(D-Lexington)	15%
Creedon	(D-Brockton)	10%	Keenan	(D-Blandford)	15%
Cresta	(R-Wakefield)	90%	Kelly	(R-Dalton)	92%
Cuomo	(R-North Andover)	95%	Kennedy	(D-Brockton)	10%
DeFilippi	(R-West Springfield)	87%	Khan	(D-Newton)	10%
DeLeo	(D-Winthrop)	15%	Klimm	(D-Barnstable)	32%
Demakis	(D-Boston)	15%	Knuuttila	(D-Gardner)	15%
Dempsey	(D-Haverhill)	26%	Koczera	(D-New Bedford)	10%
DiMasi	(D-Boston)	15%	Koutoujian	(D-Newton)	15%
Donnelly	(D-Boston)	15%	Kujawski	(D-Webster)	10%
Donovan	(D-Woburn)	5%	Kulik	(D-Worthington)	10%
Fagan	(D-Taunton)	10%	Landers	(D-Palmer)	15%
Fallon	(D-Malden)	15%	Lane	(D-Holden)	15%
Fennell	(D-Lynn)	15%	Larkin	(D-Pittsfield)	21%
Finegold	(D-Andover)	70%	LeDuc	(D-Marlboro)	15%
Finnegan	(R-Newburyport)	80%	LeLacheur	(D-Lowell)	15%
Finneran	(D-Boston)	15%	Lepper	(R-Attleboro)	85%
Fitzgerald	(D-Boston)	11%	Lewis, J.	(R-Bridgewater)	88%
Flavin	(D-Easthampton)	15%	Lewis, M.	(D-Dedham)	15%
Fox	(D-Boston)	15%	Locke	(R-Wellesley)	75%
Frost	(R-Auburn)	95%	Malia	(D-Boston)	0%
Gallitano	(D-Plymouth)	15%	Mariano	(D-Quincy)	10%
Galvin	(D-Canton)	15%	Marini	(R-Hanson)	92%
Gardner	(D-Holliston)	15%	Marzilli	(D-Arlington)	10%
Garry	(D-Dracut)	15%	McGee	(D-Lynn)	15%
Gately	(I-Waltham)	50%	McIntyre	(D-New Bedford)	10%
Gauch	(R-Shrewsbury)	95%	McManus	(D-Worcester)	15%
George	(R-Yarmouth)	85%	Menard	(D-Somerset)	10%
Giglio	(D-Medford)	11%	Merrigan	(D-Greenfield)	21%
Glodis	(D-Worcester)	36%	Miceli	(D-Wilmington)	16%
			Murphy, C.A.	(D-Burlington)	15%
			Murphy, D.M.	(D-Springfield)	16%



Murphy, K.J.	<i>(D-Lowell)</i>	16%
Murray	<i>(R-Cohasset)</i>	90%
Nagle	<i>(D-Northampton)</i>	15%
Naughton	<i>(D-Clinton)</i>	10%
O'Brien, J.W.	<i>(D-Hanover)</i>	15%
O'Brien, T.J.	<i>(D-Kingston)</i>	20%
O'Flaherty	<i>(D-Chelsea)</i>	15%
Owens-Hicks	<i>(D-Boston)</i>	10%
Parente	<i>(D-Milford)</i>	26%
Paulsen	<i>(D-Belmont)</i>	10%
Pedone	<i>(D-Worcester)</i>	15%
Peters	<i>(R-Charlton)</i>	95%
Petersen	<i>(D-Marblehead)</i>	15%
Peterson	<i>(R-Grafton)</i>	90%
Petrolati	<i>(D-Ludlow)</i>	15%
Poirier	<i>(R-North Attleboro)</i>	92%
Pope	<i>(R-Wayland)</i>	80%
Provost	<i>(D-Sandwich)</i>	10%
Quinn	<i>(D-Dartmouth)</i>	15%
Resor	<i>(D-Acton)</i>	26%
Richie	<i>(D-Boston)</i>	10%
Rodrigues	<i>(D-Westport)</i>	20%
Rogeness	<i>(R-Longmeadow)</i>	80%
Rogers	<i>(D-Norwood)</i>	15%
Ruane	<i>(D-Salem)</i>	43%
Rushing	<i>(D-Boston)</i>	21%
Scaccia	<i>(D-Boston)</i>	16%
Scibelli	<i>(D-Springfield)</i>	11%
Serra	<i>(D-Boston)</i>	11%
Simmons	<i>(D-Leominster)</i>	15%
Slattery	<i>(D-Peabody)</i>	20%
Speliotis	<i>(D-Danvers)</i>	15%
Sprague	<i>(R-Walpole)</i>	95%
Stanley	<i>(D-Merrimac)</i>	15%
Stasik	<i>(D-Framingham)</i>	10%
Stefanini	<i>(D-Framingham)</i>	10%
Stoddart	<i>(R-Natick)</i>	75%
Story	<i>(D-Amherst)</i>	15%
Straus	<i>(D-Mattapoisett)</i>	15%
Sullivan, D.B.	<i>(D-Fall River)</i>	15%
Sullivan, J.C.	<i>(D-Braintree)</i>	15%
Swan	<i>(D-Springfield)</i>	15%
Teahan	<i>(D-Whitman)</i>	10%
Thompson	<i>(D-Cambridge)</i>	15%
Tobin	<i>(D-Quincy)</i>	15%
Tolman	<i>(D-Boston)</i>	15%
Toomey	<i>(D-Cambridge)</i>	16%
Travis	<i>(D-Rehoboth)</i>	15%
Turkington	<i>(D-Falmouth)</i>	15%
Tuttle	<i>(R-Barre)</i>	95%
Vallee	<i>(D-Franklin)</i>	6%
Verga	<i>(D-Gloucester)</i>	15%
Wagner	<i>(D-Chicopee)</i>	15%
Walrath	<i>(D-Stow)</i>	15%
Walsh	<i>(D-Boston)</i>	18%
Wolf	<i>(D-Cambridge)</i>	10%

Senate Members

NAME	CITY/TOWN	RATING
Amorello, Matthew	<i>(R-Grafton)</i>	75%
Antonioni, Robert	<i>(D-Leominster)</i>	11%
Bernstein, Robert	<i>(D-Worcester)</i>	5%
Berry, Frederick	<i>(D-Peabody)</i>	16%
Birmingham, Thomas	<i>(D-Chelsea)</i>	NV
Brewer, Stephen	<i>(D-Barre)</i>	10%
Clancy, Edward	<i>(D-Lynn)</i>	10%
Creedon, Robert	<i>(D-Brockton)</i>	10%
Durand, Robert	<i>(D-Marlboro)</i>	10%
Fargo, Susan	<i>(D-Lincoln)</i>	5%
Havern, Robert	<i>(D-Arlington)</i>	15%
Hedlund, Robert	<i>(R-Weymouth)</i>	95%
Jacques, Cheryl	<i>(D-Needham)</i>	10%
Jajuga, James	<i>(D-Methuen)</i>	15%
Joyce, Brian	<i>(D-Milton)</i>	39%
Keating, William	<i>(D-Sharon)</i>	10%
Knapik, Michael	<i>(R-Westfield)</i>	85%
Lees, Brian	<i>(R-East Longmeadow)</i>	75%
Lynch, Stephen	<i>(D-Boston)</i>	10%
Magnani, David	<i>(D-Framingham)</i>	5%
Melconian, Linda	<i>(D-Springfield)</i>	10%
Montigny, Mark	<i>(D-New Bedford)</i>	15%
Moore, Richard	<i>(D-Uxbridge)</i>	20%
Morrissey, Michael	<i>(D-Quincy)</i>	20%
Murray, Therese	<i>(D-Plymouth)</i>	10%
Norton, Thomas	<i>(D-Fall River)</i>	10%
Nuciforo, Andrea	<i>(D-Pittsfield)</i>	10%
O'Brien, John	<i>(D-Andover)</i>	10%
Pacheco, Marc	<i>(D-Taunton)</i>	5%
Panagiotakos, Steven	<i>(D-Lowell)</i>	25%
Pines, Lois	<i>(D-Newton)</i>	10%
Rauschenbach, Henri	<i>(R-Brewster)</i>	65%
Rosenberg, Stanley	<i>(D-Amherst)</i>	10%
Shannon, Charles	<i>(D-Winchester)</i>	15%
Tarr, Bruce	<i>(R-Gloucester)</i>	87%
Tisei, Richard	<i>(R-Wakefield)</i>	80%
Tolman, Warren	<i>(D-Watertown)</i>	5%
Travaglini, Robert	<i>(D-Boston)</i>	10%
Walsh, Marian	<i>(D-Boston)</i>	10%
Wilkerson, Dianne	<i>(D-Boston)</i>	5%

Legislators were rated on key taxpayer issues: voting *for* keeping the promise to rollback the income tax rate, cutting the so-called “unearned income tax” rate, reducing the income tax by exempting some senior income, increasing the personal exemption and the child deduction; exempting the internet from sales tax.

We gave them credit for voting *against* increasing the state stabilization fund to deny us an increase in our personal exemption, limiting the number of charter schools to only 25, a sales tax on real estate, a new convention center tax, the “teacher’s pet” payraise for Finneran’s friends, and constitutionally-guaranteed legislative payraises.



The Ballot Questions

QUESTION 1

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Setting Compensation of State Legislators

A YES VOTE would prohibit state legislators from changing their base pay and instead would adjust that pay according to changes in median household income. A NO VOTE would make no change in the method for setting legislators' base pay.

“Soon after giving themselves a 55 percent legislative pay-raise following the 1994 election, legislative leaders proposed this scheme. They hope to permanently lock-in and secure one of the highest salaries of any state legislature in the country by again fooling the voters.

“If voters foolishly approve Question 1, our legislators will become the only human beings in the history of the world to have a constitutionally-mandated salary and guaranteed automatic pay-raises, untouchable by the people they 'represent' forevermore.”

Chip Ford

CLT&G says NO

QUESTION 3

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION Tax Rate on Interest and Dividend Income

A YES VOTE would reduce the state tax rate for interest and dividend income.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the current state tax rate for interest and dividend income.

“Question 3 provides the same tax relief on so-called ‘unearned’ income as a part of the Legislature's recent ‘crumbs for the taxpayers’ tax cuts, but it doesn't take effect until tax year 2000.

“If Question 3 -- which motivated legislators to initiate their own version -- is approved by the voters, it is hoped and expected that the Legislature will amend it to comply with its own version, which is now in effect.

“Voter approval will force the Legislature to recognize the will of the people that all income be fairly taxed at the same rate.”

Chip Ford

CLT&G says YES

QUESTION 2

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION Public Campaign Financing

A YES VOTE would change the laws governing public financing of campaigns.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the laws governing public financing of campaigns.

If approved by the voters, Question 2 would provide millions of taxpayer dollars to finance political campaigns.

“Question 2 will prevent us from giving as much as we want to people we agree with, while forcing us to fund those with whom we passionately disagree.”

Barbara Anderson

CLT&G says NO

QUESTION 4

REFERENDUM ON AN EXISTING LAW Electric Utility Industry Restructuring

A YES VOTE would continue the new law changing the electric utility industry.

A NO VOTE would undo these changes in the electric utility industry.

The question appears on the ballot after two attempts by the electric industry and business community to knock it off through legal challenges.

“We are guaranteed lower prices for the first year because the utilities are guaranteed that we will pick up their existing losses, or stranded costs, for as many years as necessary. . .

“Consumer relief will not be as great as it could be, and it will not come cheap.”

Barbara Anderson

CLT&G says ???

