SAMPLE BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
TOWN OF WESTFORD
TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021

Patricia L. Dubey
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER:

A. To vote, fill in the OVAL ⬭ to the right of your choice like this: ⬛

B. Follow the directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.

C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name in the blank provided and fill in the oval.

SELECT BOARD
FOR THREE YEARS — **Vote for ONE**

ERIC R. BARBER-MINGO 104 Dunstable Road ⬭

JOHN H. CUNNINGHAM 4 Butternut Road ⬭

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BOARD OF HEALTH
FOR THREE YEARS — **Vote for ONE**

JOANNE E. BELANGER 6 Marieann Drive ⬭
Candidate for Re-election

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LIBRARY TRUSTEES
FOR THREE YEARS — **Vote for TWO**

MARIANNE C. FLECKNER 23R Almeria Circle ⬭
Candidate for Re-election

ALISHA E.HILLAM 6 Coolidge Avenue ⬭
Candidate for Re-election

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HOUSING AUTHORITY
FOR FIVE YEARS — **Vote for ONE**

CAROL S. ENGEL 26 Lowell Road ⬭
Candidate for Re-election

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PLANNING BOARD
FOR FIVE YEARS — **Vote for ONE**

KATHERINE M. HOLLISTER 25 Vine Brook Road ⬭
Candidate for Re-election

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE
FOR THREE YEARS — **Vote For THREE**

AVERY ROCKWELL ADAM 87 Providence Road ⬭
Candidate for Re-election

CHRISTOPHER P. SANDERS 4 Koala Bear Lane ⬭
Candidate for Re-election

MINGQUAN ZHENG 3 Joyce Circle ⬭
Candidate for Re-election

KATHRYN CLEAR 14 Sawmill Drive ⬭

MEGHAN F. O'CONNELL 44 So Chelmsford Road ⬭

STEVEN D. WILKINS 12 Pine Tree Trail ⬭

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QUESTION 1

Shall this town accept the provisions of sections one through ten of Chapter Three Hundred and Fourteen of the Acts of 2020, a fair and concise summary of which appears below?

SUMMARY:

The General Court recently enacted Chapter 314 of the Acts of 2020 (the "Act") authorizing the Town of Westford to establish a senior property tax exemption, which will become effective if its provisions are accepted by a majority of the voters at a town election.

The Act provides that an owner of a qualifying parcel of residential real property may apply to the Board of Assessors for a senior property tax exemption, which will be equal to the tax that would otherwise be assessed, less the sum of: 1) 10% of the taxpayer's income; 2) the circuit breaker income tax credit; and 3) any other statutory exemptions received in the application year. In no event will property taxes be reduced by more than 50%, and no exemption can be granted until the Department of Revenue certifies a residential tax rate for that year.

The Board of Assessors will establish the application deadline and adopt an application form, which must be filled out on an annual basis with supporting documentation of the applicant's income and assets. Individuals will qualify for the exemption if: 1) the property is owned and occupied by a person whose annual income did not exceed the limit, the calculation for which is set forth in the Act; 2) the property is owned by an applicant age 65+, or jointly by persons either of whom is age 65+, if the other joint applicant is age 60+; 3) the property is owned and occupied by the applicant(s) as their primary residence; 4) the applicant(s) have lived in Westford for at least 10 years; and 5) the maximum assessed value of the property does not exceed an averaged amount for a single family residence in Town. The Assessors may deny an application if the individual has more than 200% in assets allowed under G.L. c. 59, § 5 that places them outside of the intended recipients of the exemption.

The senior property tax exemption shall be in addition to any other exemption allowed by law, except that there is a cap on all exemptions granted equal to 0.25% of the residential property tax levy for the town. In the event that benefits are capped, they shall be allocated by raising the income percentage of eligible applicants as necessary to not exceed the cap.

YES ⬭

NO ⬭