

# SPECIMEN BALLOT






Ward 1A

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION**  
**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**JUNE 16, 2009**

*Wendy Mazza*  
CITY CLERK

### INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER

- a. To vote, complete the arrow(s)   pointing to your choice(s), like this: 
- b. If you tear, deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and get another. **DO NOT ERASE.**

### QUESTION

Shall the City of Northampton be allowed to assess an additional \$2,000,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the operating budgets of City Departments including Public Safety and Libraries (\$765,000); the School Department (\$1,000,000); Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School (\$180,000); and to fund increases in property tax exemptions granted to qualifying seniors who meet certain age, whole estate or total assets, annual income, and residency requirements pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 59 §.5 (41C) (\$55,000); for the fiscal year beginning July First, Two Thousand and Nine.

YES  

NO  