

May 14, 2012



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Article 1
Special Town Meeting
Amend FY 2012
Operating Budget

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Article # 1 Amend FY 2012 Budget

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FY 2012 Trades Hall/Water Utilities Emergency Service Work

On June 27, 2011 the Town of Lexington issued a violation of MA Building Code & Fire Safety Regulations to the District.

- Ordered to halt the use of the “Trades Hall” educational area until all issues remediated
- Combustible walls (in place for 20 years) were removed and area reconstructed to meet Building/Fire Codes
- Occupancy permit provided to open school on August 25, 2011

Lexington Water Department issued a notification requiring:

- Replacement of water meters and installation of backflow units immediately.
- To Insure proper protection to the Town water supply as Minuteman's position in the system was determined to be a high risk location under DEP’s “cross connection program”.

Article # 1 Trades Hall Apportion

Town/City	Operating Assessment Enrollment	Operating Share %	Enrollment for Capital Assessment	Water Service/Trades Hall Remediation Assessment
Dover	1	0.27%	5	\$6,323
Lincoln	3	0.80%	5	\$6,323
Weston	3	0.80%	5	\$6,323
Carlisle	5	1.33%	5	\$6,323
Bolton	9	2.40%	9	\$11,382
Wayland	11	2.93%	11	\$13,911
Boxborough	12	3.20%	12	\$15,176
Sudbury	13	3.46%	13	\$16,441
Concord	20	5.33%	20	\$25,293
Lancaster	21	5.59%	21	\$26,558
Acton	23	6.13%	23	\$29,087
Needham	24	6.39%	24	\$30,352
Stow	29	7.72%	29	\$36,675
Belmont	37	9.85%	37	\$46,793
Lexington	62.5	16.64%	62.5	\$79,042
Arlington	102	27.16%	102	\$128,996
	375.5	100.00%	383.5	\$485,000

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Community Center Information Update

Annual Town Meeting

14 May 2012

Community Center Background

- Boxborough Church representatives approached the town last summer
- Proposal to use Fellowship Hall for senior activities
- Trial period lease developed for 10 months
 - Intent to determine level of usage by seniors/town
 - Funded entirely by Friends of the COA
- Based on high usage, town now proposing 2 year lease
 - Cost originally established at \$1,400 per month
 - Negotiations with Church brought this down to \$900 for 1st year; \$945 for 2nd year
 - Cost covers utilities plus share of annual maintenance and share of capital improvements

Community Center Usage Summary

- From October 2011 through April 2012, there have been:
 - 170 events held at the Community Center
 - Number of attendees:
 - 1662 – duplicated (counting all people at all events)
 - 255 – unduplicated (counting only different people)
- Further, the Community Center is used for storage of some town items:
 - COA medical equipment
 - Emergency Reserve Corps equipment
- Bottom line – use of the community center has enabled Boxborough to:
 - Conduct more senior activities than have been held in the past
 - Accommodate more people at activities than in the past
 - Provide a “home away from home” for seniors

Investigation of Alternate Facility (1)

- **To determine if there was alternative space available for senior functions, I met with Library Director Maureen Strapko**
- **Major findings were:**
 - Library use policy developed in 2004, updated in 2009
 - Conditions on use:
 - 100 people maximum
 - Competing interests from other civic organizations, town boards, and library events
 - Library events take precedence over all other groups

Investigation of Alternate Facility (2)

- **Conditions on use (continued)**
 - Must be booked 3 months in advance to schedule library programs and give fair access to all groups
 - No hot food can be served, and there are no kitchen facilities
- **What does this mean for Library use for senior activities?**
 - Library serves as meeting place for many groups in our community
 - Has varied from about 25 to as many as 50 groups in a calendar year
 - When asked how much time could be made available for Boxborough seniors
 - Somewhere between ½ day a week to a max of 1 day a week (average)
 - Some weeks – no time available at all to seniors
 - Further, no serving of hot food is permitted

Investigation of Alternate Facility (3)

- **I also met with the Tai Chi instructor and the Exercise instructor for seniors**
 - Tai Chi instructor:
 - Could teach class in a phone booth, but
 - Floor in the Community Center was better for Tai Chi than floors in the Library or town hall
 - Exercise instructor:
 - Carpeted floor in the Library was unsuitable for exercise class
 - She referred to using the Library floor as – “an accident waiting to happen”
- **Town hall use limited**

Investigation of Alternate Facility (4)

Town hall Use

- Setting up and taking down for meetings is time consuming and becomes more of a time burden when there are senior activities in the Grange room
- Uses of Grange room that would be limited or would interfere with senior activities:
 - Access to IT Coordinator's office, lunch room and storage of records on the stage
 - Day-time meetings
 - Voting
- Some senior activities may adversely affect town hall business

Town Of Boxborough

Annual Town Meeting

FY2013 Budget

Finance Committee

Presentation

May 14, 2012

Presentation Overview

- **Boxborough Finance Committee**
 - **Town Data**
 - **FY2013 Budget**
 - **Cash Reserves**
 - **Town Liabilities**
 - **Contracts**
 - **Capital Plan**
 - **Summary & Conclusions**
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FinCom Members

- **Karim Raad –Chair**
 - **Neal Hesler – Vice Chair**
 - **Dilip Subramanyam – Secretary**
 - **Amy Burke**
 - **Gary Kushner**
 - **Jim Ham**
 - **Joe Niro**
 - **Susan Bak**
 - **William F. Burke**
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FinCom Role

- **Authorized by the MGL, Chapter 39, Section 16**
- **Responsible for receiving budgets from Department Heads**
- **Analyze the budgets**
- **General financial oversight of all town matters and short/long-term financial planning**
- **Present a Balanced Budget to Town Meeting**

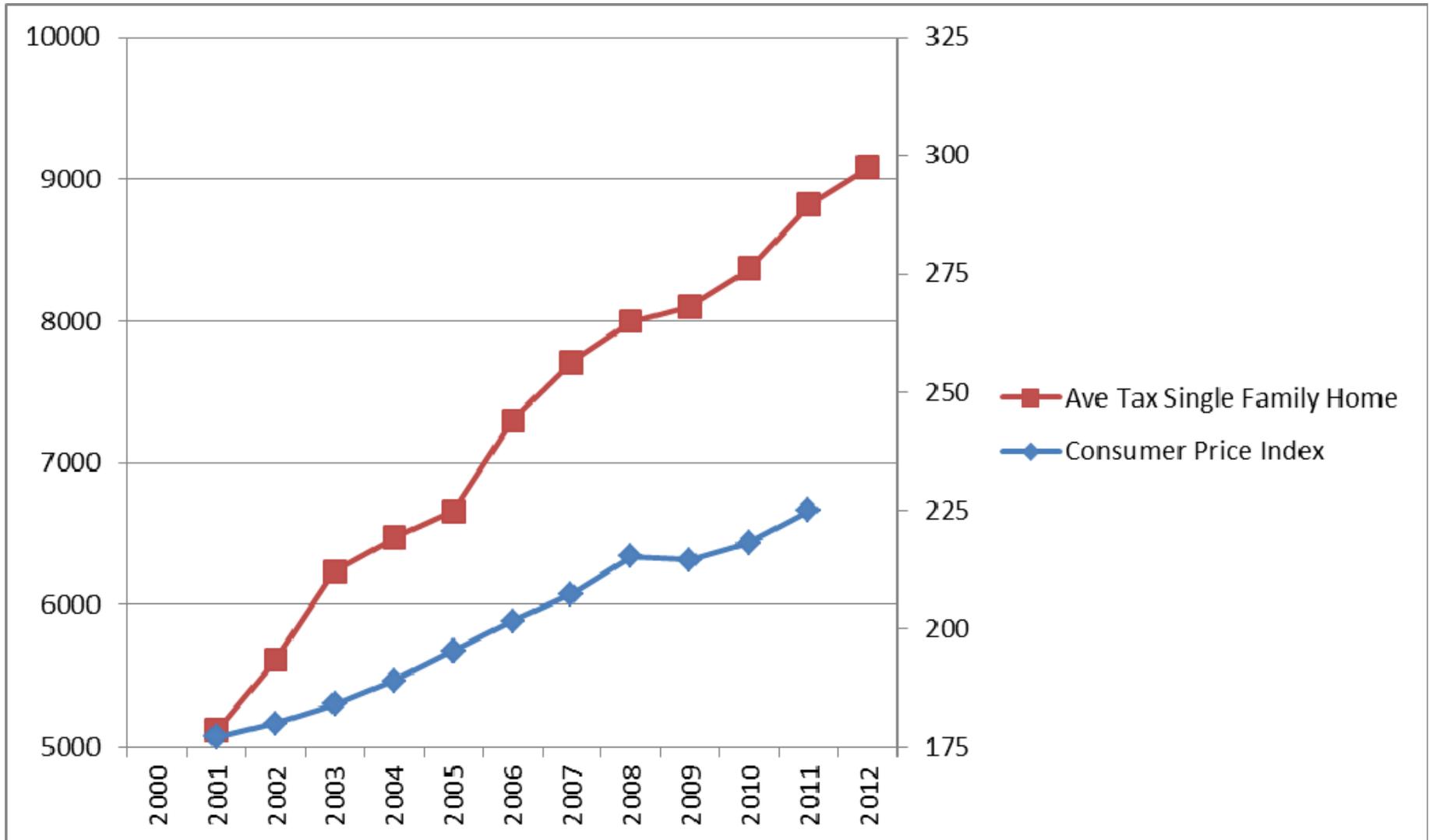
We represent the taxpayers of Boxborough in the ongoing operations of the town

FY2013 Budget Goals

- **Budget Goals:**
 - Level fund the operating budget - no 2.5% increase
 - Maintain Level Services
 - Manage Long-Term Debt via Capital Planning Process

 - **Approach:**
 - Align Department Budget to Needs of the Town
 - Reviewed FY11 Actual and FY12 YTD Spending
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Increase in Average Single-Family Tax Bill Outpaces CPI



Town of Boxborough data

FY13 Budget Overview - Summary

\$ in Thousands	FY13	FY12	VARIANCE	
			\$ AMT	PCT
Grand Total Budget (Expenses + Warrant Articles)	\$20,846	\$20,526	\$319	1.6%
Tax levy - State and Local Revenue	\$19,995	\$20,067	-\$72.1	-0.4%
FUNDS REQUIRED	\$851	\$459	\$391	85%

FY13 Budget Overview - Detail

			VARIANCE	
\$ in Thousands	FY13	FY12	\$ AMT	PCT
	TOWN DEPTS/BLANCHARD	\$10,341	\$9,954	\$387
REGIONAL/DEBT/BENEFITS	\$9,338	\$9,916	-\$578	-5.8%
TOTAL BUDGET	\$19,679	\$19,870	-\$191	-1.0%
WARRANT ARTICLES+	\$1,167	\$657	\$511	77.7%
GRAND TOTAL BUDGET	\$20,846	\$20,526	\$319	1.6%

FY13 Budget Overview

\$ in Thousands	FY13 Presented	FY13 FinCom
FUNDS REQUIRED	\$851	\$728
FUNDS SUPPLIED (Free Cash + Debt)	<\$992>	<\$869>
TAX REDUCTION	<\$141>	<\$264>

Debt and Other Long Term Liabilities

- **Debt**
 - **Pension Liability**
 - **Healthcare Plan Redesign**
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Debt and Other Long Term Liabilities

- **Debt declining**
 - **Capacity to borrow**
 - **Favorable rates**
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Pension Liability

- **Defined benefit plan**
 - **Unfunded liability of \$4.8M**
 - **Teachers are covered in a separate retirement plan (“MTRS”)**
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Retiree Health Care Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB)

- **Unfunded liability – \$9.5 Million**
 - **Funding OPEB trust fund**
 - **Warrant article \$75K**
 - **Redesigned & adopted new Healthcare plan**
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Collective Bargaining Agreements

- **CBA cover Police, Fire, Dispatch and Teachers**
 - **Every 1% increase in salary = \$60,000 added to budget**
 - **Salary & Benefits represent 50% of budget**
 - **72% if ABRHS/MM assessment is excluded**
 - **Current contract expires June 30, 2012**
 - **New CBA covers 3 year period July 2012 - June 2015**
 - **Articles 5,6,7 added to Warrant**
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Capital Plan - Update

- **Third year of Capital plan**
- **Projected for FY13 was \$778,100**
- **Actual FY13 capital proposals in warrant at \$656,813**
- **Projections**

	Main Drivers
▪ FY14 \$1,410,600	Fire, DPW, TH, Blanchard, Police
▪ FY15 \$877,850	Fire, Blanchard, DPW
▪ FY16 \$1,043,000	Fire, Blanchard, DPW

Summary & Conclusions

- **Positives:**
 - **Budget as proposed projects a Tax Decrease**
 - **Budget reduction due to ABRS & Minuteman assessments,**
 - **Debt continues to decrease**
 - **Local receipts and state aid stabilized**
 - **AAA bond rating from S&P**
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Summary & Conclusions #2

- **Concerns:**
 - **Increase in salaries and benefits**
 - **Population growth and residential development flat**
 - **Declining school (Blanchard) population**
 - **Decline in commercial base**
 - **Large usage of Free Cash**
 - **Special Education (SPED)**
 - **Unfunded state mandates**



THANK YOU!!



Amendment to Dispatch Budget: Communications

Annual Town Meeting

14/15 May 2012

Dispatch Communications

\$1,212 Amendment

- **Background**

- Significant savings in communications expenses were realized approximately 1 year ago by consolidating multiple separate contracts (BITcom effort)
- Savings resulting from consolidation of contracts applies **only** to Police communications budget
- Dispatch communications budget includes **only** leased land lines, walkie talkies and a cell phone
 - No dial-up lines where savings have been realized

Dispatch Communications

\$1,212 Amendment

- **Two items affected by this budget cut:**
 - Supervisor's cell phone
 - Supervisor is on call 24/7 and requires cell phone
 - Land line connectivity between Hager site and Swanson Road cell tower
 - This cut would eliminate one of the 2 radio links used for communications between Dispatch and mobile fire and police units and directly between mobile units

Reduction implications

- **FY13 BUDGET** **4,212**
- **FY13 FINCOM CUT** **1,212**

884.16 Cell Supervisor REMOVE/DISCONNECT

228.00 Radio or 2-way? REMOVE/DISCONNECT

1,112.16

Police Salary – Sergeant Promotion

FY13 Salary budget does not include \$6,365 promotional increase for a third Sergeant

- **Police department added 3rd Sergeant during FY12 via promotion**
 - **This proposal has no impact on headcount (either way)**
 - **Town should vote on the need for 3rd Sergeant**
 - **FinCom has no recommendation on this issue**
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Police Salary- Overtime

- **FinCom supports 100% of submitted FY13 Community Out-Reach budget**
 - **Level funded “non-Community out-reach” (regular overtime) budget:**
 - **BoS amendment increases regular overtime by 16%**
 - **FY budget added 10th police officer with express purpose of lowering overtime**
 - **BOS recommendation would eliminate a portion of the FY12 OT savings that justified the hiring of the 10th police officer just one year later**
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Police Department – Cruiser Funding

- **Cruiser purchased almost every year...normal operating expense**
 - **Cruiser purchase always budgeted in the Operating Budget...NEVER before as a Warrant Article**
 - **Funding via Warrant Article creates serious consistency issue in budget to budget comparison:**
 - **FY13 Police budget with cruiser increases 2%**
 - **FY13 budget presented would decline if purchase transferred**
 - **Moving cruiser purchase to Warrant Article violates sound and generally accepted budgeting principles**
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Police Department – Cruiser vs Command Vehicle (SUV) Purchase

- **All previous Chiefs vehicles have been cruisers**
 - **Last two new vehicle purchases SUVs**
 - **Police Department already has three SUVs' in fleet**
 - **Department needs two SUVs' to ensure normal patrol coverage during severe winter weather**
 - **Command vehicle (SUV) will increase operating expenses vs. cruiser**
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Dispatch Department – Budget Savings

- **Initial FY13 Dispatch phone budget was \$4,212**
 - **Reduced the FY13 phone budget by \$1,212 to \$3,000**
 - **BitCom consolidated phone service across all Town departments resulting in lower phone costs**
 - **BOS proposal restores FY13 budget of \$4,212:**
 - **Thru 8 months 2012, phone expense averages \$224 per month**
 - **This projects to 12 month phone expense of \$2,688 in 2012**
 - **Phone budget Chief's requesting 57% over projected 2012**
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Fire Department – Budget Savings

- **Reduced salary line by \$4,890 since this was a new line item that was accommodated in other salary expense in prior years.**
 - **Other Expense – A new expense of \$7,500 for Per Diem uniforms was reduced to \$2,950.**
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Mental Health Budget Eliot Center

- **98.7% MA residents covered by Health insurance**
 - **Insurance policies include Mental Health coverage**
 - **Eliot Center serves 36 Boxboro & 204 Acton residents**
 - **Town of Acton does not levy taxes for mental health**
 - **Acton relies on A/B United Way contribution \$15,000**
 - **FinCom recommends using A/B United Way contribution to fund Mental Health**
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Article 9

Boxborough Town Meeting

Presentation by the Regional School
District Study Committee

Exploring New District Models

- Blanchard enrollment declining last 3-4 years
- Unfunded mandates from state increasing
- Per pupil expenditures increasing
- BSC concerned that continued declining enrollment will:
 - Negatively impact educational program
 - Result in ever-increasing per-pupil expenditures & an unsustainable financial model

BSC Took a Proactive Approach to Issues

- Short-term
 - Created a 5-year rolling enrollment projection
 - Eliminated several grade sections
 - Took in limited choice students to bolster budget
- Long-term
 - Worked with ABRSC to assess Pre-K to 12 regionalization
 - Examined job sharing with Harvard
 - Assessed in-house reduction options

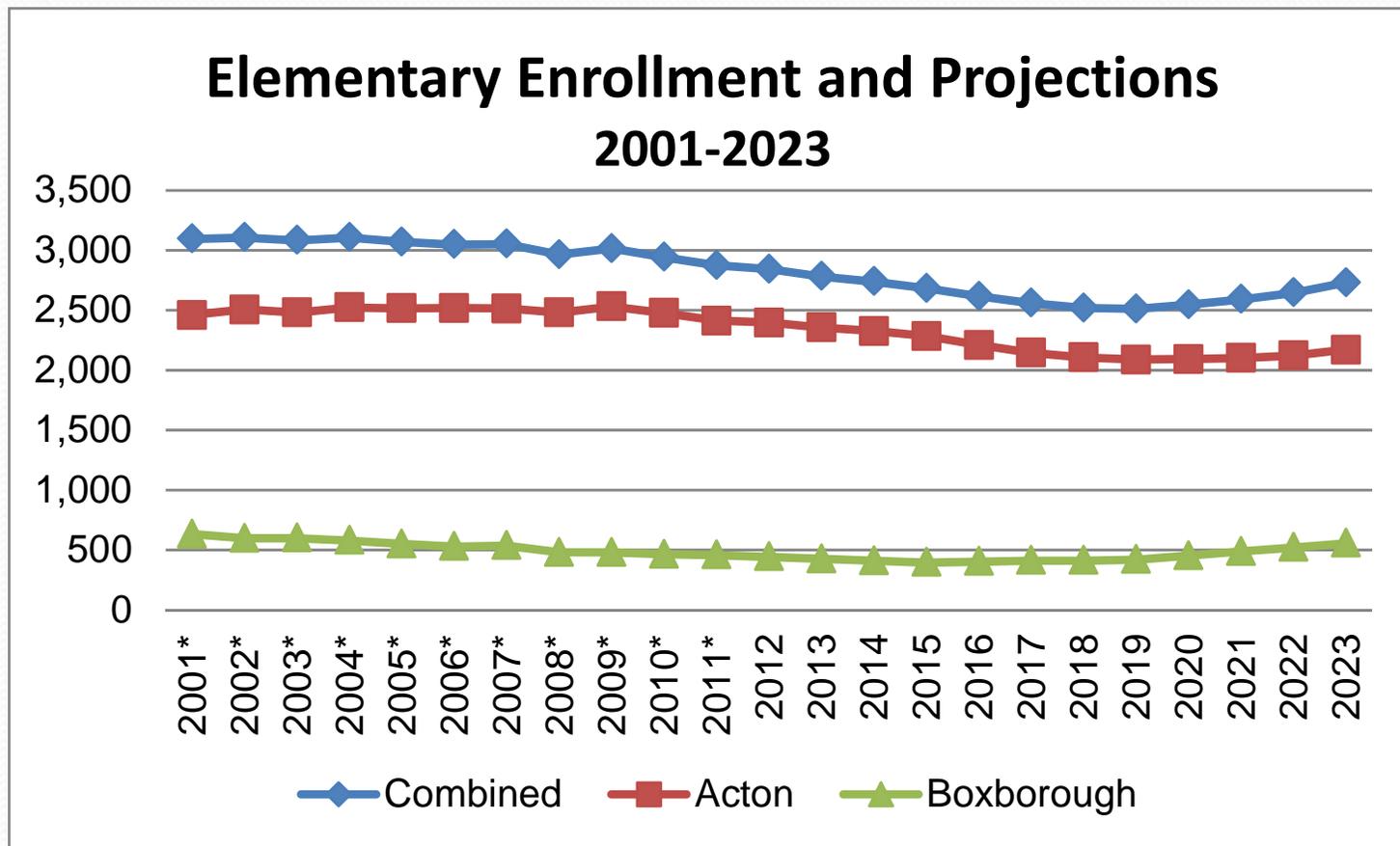
Sub-committee of the Regional School Committee

- Committee formed Fall of 2011
- Membership:
 - Mac Reid, Mary Brodin, Kristin Hilberg (Boxborough)
 - Peter Ashton, Xuan Kong and Adria Cohen (Acton)

Charge of the Committee

- Consider viability of expanding current grades 7 – 12 district to include grades pre-K through 12
- Research and evaluate possible amendments to the current Regional Agreement (with & without full regionalization)

Elementary enrollment in both towns declining:



Gathering Information

- Interviewed administrators, teachers, union representatives
- Meetings with parent groups, others
- Community forums in both towns

Educational Impacts

- Questions from community members:
 - Impact on individual school identities
 - Longer distances by bus to school for some
 - Possible changes to specific school programs
 - Possible changes in class sizes and number of specialists

Educational Impacts

- We envision *no change* to current academic system:
 - Choice of schools
 - Individual school philosophies
 - Identities
 - Programs

Educational Impacts

- Potential benefits of regionalization:
 - Shared curriculum efforts will reach more students
 - Enhanced professional development opportunities
 - Greater efficiency & enhanced services for special education in both towns
 - Greater efficiency in obtaining resources
 - Expanded collaboration with administrative & instructional personnel
 - Increased flexibility with ability to maintain & enhance programs

Administrative Impacts

- Full regionalization will simplify governance and structure:
 - Currently three school districts with three school committees
 - Distinct student record, human resource, and financial management systems
 - Duplicative regulatory reporting effort



Administrative: Full Regionalization

- Better service delivery & more cost effective:
 - Streamlined operations and organization
 - More coherent learning experience for students
 - More transparent financial reporting
 - More consistent benefit management for employees
 - Simplified inter-governmental relationship

Administrative Impacts

Summary of Impacts and Potential Savings with Full Regional Organization:

Department	Add FTE	Lose FTE	Net FTE
Superintendent	-	(2.40)	(2.40)
Curriculum	1.00	(0.20)	0.80
Finance*	0.25	(1.50)	(1.25)
Pupil Services	0.40	(0.50)	(0.10)
Educational Technology	0.50	-	0.50
Municipal Staff	-	(1.00)	(1.00)
Elementary Staff Support	1.50	-	1.50
Transportation	Contract savings nets out against additional bus lease costs		
Community Education	Integration of Boxborough with Acton could save 1 FTE		
TOTAL	3.65	(5.60)	(1.95)

* Budget analyst position included in FY13 and therefore not included here

Governance Issues

- Budget vs. Assessment
- Facilities – buy-in, capital/construction costs, assumption of existing debt
- Choice of schools & local preference
- Other issues
- Modifications to regional agreement will be necessary

Preliminary Financial Analysis

- Analyzed and compared financial impacts of base case (status quo) and full regionalization case
- Estimated financial benefit of full regionalization is approximately \$650,000 - \$700,000
 - Cost savings
 - Additional state transportation reimbursement

Next Steps

- If both towns pass this article, work will begin on negotiating a new Regional Agreement to include pre-K through 12
- The focus will be on:
 - Governance issues including sharing of costs & benefits
 - Representation & voting issues
 - Facilities buy-in
 - Local preferences



Next Steps

Goal would be to bring a revised agreement to both towns next spring

“Sense of Town Meeting”

It is the sense of Town Meeting that the Acton-Boxborough Regional School Committee direct the Regional School District Study Committee to draft a regional agreement between Acton and Boxborough that would include grades pre-kindergarten through 12 for approval at 2013 town meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

We recommend approval by Town Meeting

Article 10

Acton-Boxborough Lower Fields Borrowing (Two-thirds Vote)

To see if the Town will approve the \$1.5 Million borrowing authorized by the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District, for the purpose of paying costs of construction of outdoor recreational and athletic facilities at the Regional School District property, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, said amount to be expended at the direction of the Regional School District School Committee, or take other action relative thereto.



Article 10 Lower Fields Borrowing “Eight Fields In Two”

A **Partnership** between the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District and the Friends of the Lower Fields will create a **\$3M multi-purpose recreational complex** for the benefit of the school and the community. Over time, the revenue from the property is expected to pay back the capital outlay and then fund future ABRSD programs.



A New Multi-Purpose Recreational Complex at the Lower Fields – Fall 2012



ABRSD

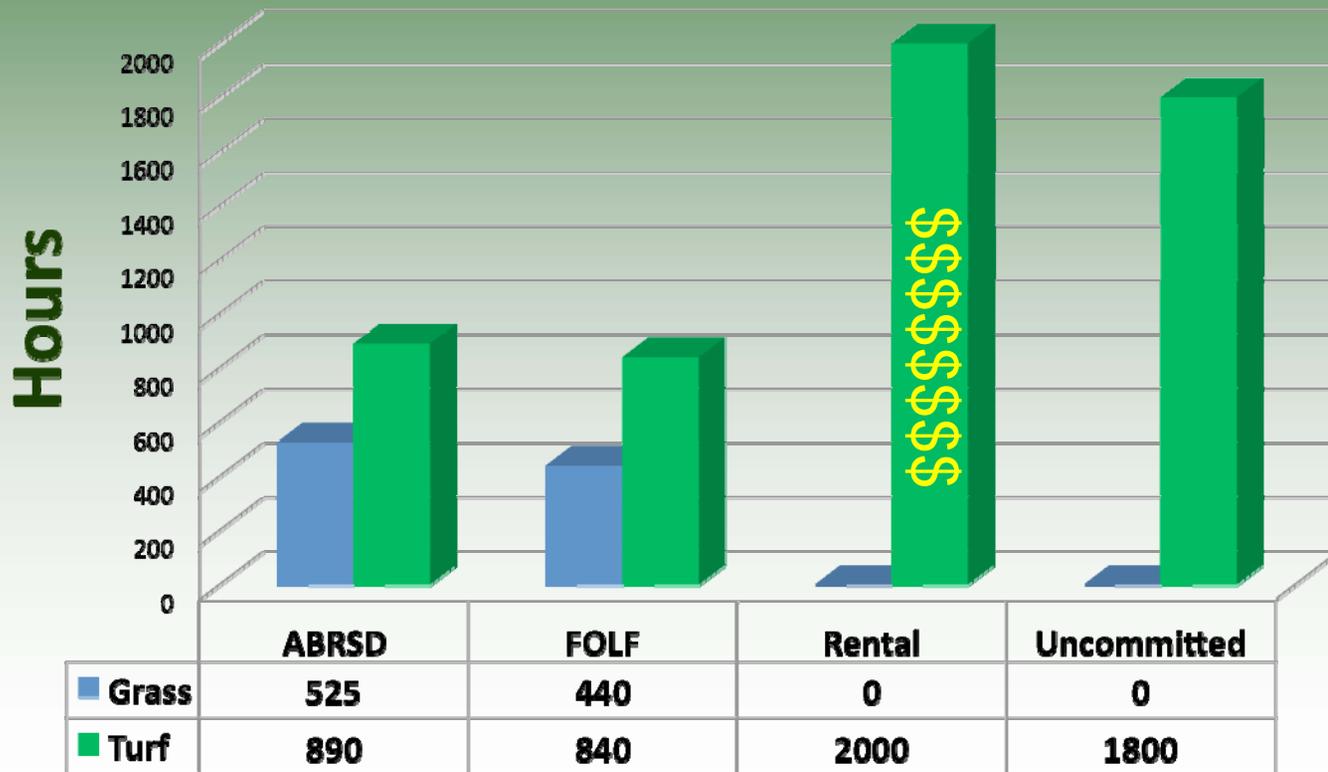


FOLF

The Opportunity – Expanded Hours

965 hours → 5530 hours

Field Capacity



ABRSD



FOLF

ABRSD – 17 teams interscholastic athletics, PE, band
 FOLF – ABYS Soccer, AB Lacrosse, Pop Warner

Who will benefit?

- ***AB Interscholastic Sports – 17 teams***
 - *Soccer*
 - *Lacrosse*
 - *Field Hockey*
 - *Football*
- ***AB Physical Education***
- ***FOLF (Friends of Lower Fields)***
 - *AB Youth Soccer*
 - *Pop Warner*
 - *AB Girls Lacrosse*
 - *AB Boys Lacrosse*
- ***AB Community Education***
- ***Any group that wants to rent space!***

ABRSD



FOLF

Capital Project Cost - \$3M

unchanged since 8/11

▪ <i>Site Prep</i>	<i>\$115,000</i>
▪ <i>Turf Fields</i>	<i>\$1,500,000</i>
▪ <i>Lighting and Utilities</i>	<i>\$525,000</i>
▪ <i>Parking and Walkways</i>	<i>\$418,200</i>
▪ <i>Bathrooms/Concessions</i>	<i>\$132,500</i>
▪ <i>Curbing and Fencing</i>	<i>\$159,000</i>
▪ <i>Grass Field irrigate, reseed</i>	<i>\$ 96,000</i>
▪ <i>Goals and safety nettings</i>	<i>\$34,000</i>
TOTAL	\$2,980,000



How will the Project be Capitalized?

- **\$1 Million** contribution from FOLF/Acton-Boxborough Youth Soccer (financed by a 10 year bank loan)
- **\$225,000** in cash, contributed by members of FOLF (ABYS, A-B Pop Warner, Acton-Boxborough Youth Lacrosse and A-B Girls Youth Lacrosse)
- **Up to \$275,000** in FY12 operating funds from the ABRSD budget
- **Up to \$1.5 Million** in proceeds from a 15-year bond to be issued by ABRSD

How will the FOLF Loan and ABRSD Bond be repaid?

- **\$142K/yr** anchor tenants (MPS, NE Premiership, 5 year leases)
- **\$54K/yr** in youth sport fees (ABYS, A-B Pop Warner, Acton-Boxborough Youth Lacrosse and A-B Girls Youth Lacrosse)
- **Up to \$160K/yr** additional rentals (open time)

To ABRSD Bond from year 1

- **\$25K/yr** concessions
- **\$25K/yr** community education

- Est. maximum yr 1 cost to Boxborough ≈ \$21,000
- This is **NOT** a request for an override, the cost will be covered in the ABRSD Budget



Anticipated Effect on the Annual ABRSD Budget (Financial Model)

Years	Revenue '000's	Cash Flow '000's	FOLF Loan	ABRSD Bond
1-5	\$200-300	(-\$86 to -\$114)	Y	Y
6 (est)*	\$300	+\$102	Y	Y
7-15	\$350	+\$159 to +\$250	N	Y
15+	>\$350	>\$250	N	N

*financial model projects loan repaid in year 6



Approval Process

1. Acton Town Meeting Approval- **DONE**
2. Boxborough Town Meeting Approval
3. Bank Loan Processed
 - Requires signed lease agreements
4. FOLF Gift, \$1.2M, received by ABRSD
5. Construction begins June 1, 2012
6. Fields open for play August-September 2012!!!

The Lower Fields Opportunity

- **Volunteer Driven**
- **Expand available sport/recreation hours**
- **Broad Community use - benefits many constituencies (School, community, youth and adult sports leagues)**
- **Low Impact Finance Plan-field lease revenue is projected to offset \$3M construction costs**
- **Increased Safety- practice and play safely on high quality fields**



Lower Fields – Fall 2012

**ABRSD asks for your
support for Article 10,
Lower Fields Borrowing**

ABRSD



FOLF

Lower Fields – Fall 2012

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support for Article 10,
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ABRSD



FOLF

Warrant Article 16



Boxborough Energy Committee

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE
ENERGY COMMITTEE PURPOSE
REDUCE TOWN'S ENERGY COSTS



Transfer Station Existing Conditions

Built Prior to the Implementation of 'Single Stream' Recycling



(2) Trash Compactors
& Bins

(5) Recycling Bins



Opportunity for Savings



- **Uncompacted Recyclables: 3-4 truck-trips/week**



- **Compacted Recyclables: Estimated at 1 trip/week**



Warrant Article 16: Two phases



- **Phase 1: Study Phase**
 - Install temporary compactor
 - Collect 4 to 6 months of data
 - Estimated cost of \$3,000
- **Phase 2: Design and Permitting Phase**
 - Selectmen and FinCom will determine if warranted
 - If yes, hire engineers to redesign site
 - Conduct initial permitting
 - Estimated cost \$15,000



Phase One



- **Goals of Phase One**
 - Cost and Truck Trip Savings
 - Traffic Flow
 - Number of compactors needed (1 or 2)
 - Is overall site redesign likely to be warranted?



Phase Two



- **Goals of Phase Two**
 - Determine most cost-effective layout and traffic pattern
 - Develop detailed cost proposal to bring before 2013 Town Meeting
 - Provide cost justification



Future Transfer Station Phase



- **Complete proposal to Town Meeting 2013**
 - Design to reconfigure the Transfer Station
 - Estimated construction costs
 - Projected return on investment
 - FinCom input
- **Estimated savings: \$15,000 - \$30,000 per year**



Potential Added Benefits



- Easier, more convenient to recycle
- Increase recycling rates => continued savings
- Possible space for new services
 - Swap shed
 - Compost area



Support this article



- **Save Money!**
- **Please join us in supporting this article**



Article 17

Exterior Painting of Town Hall



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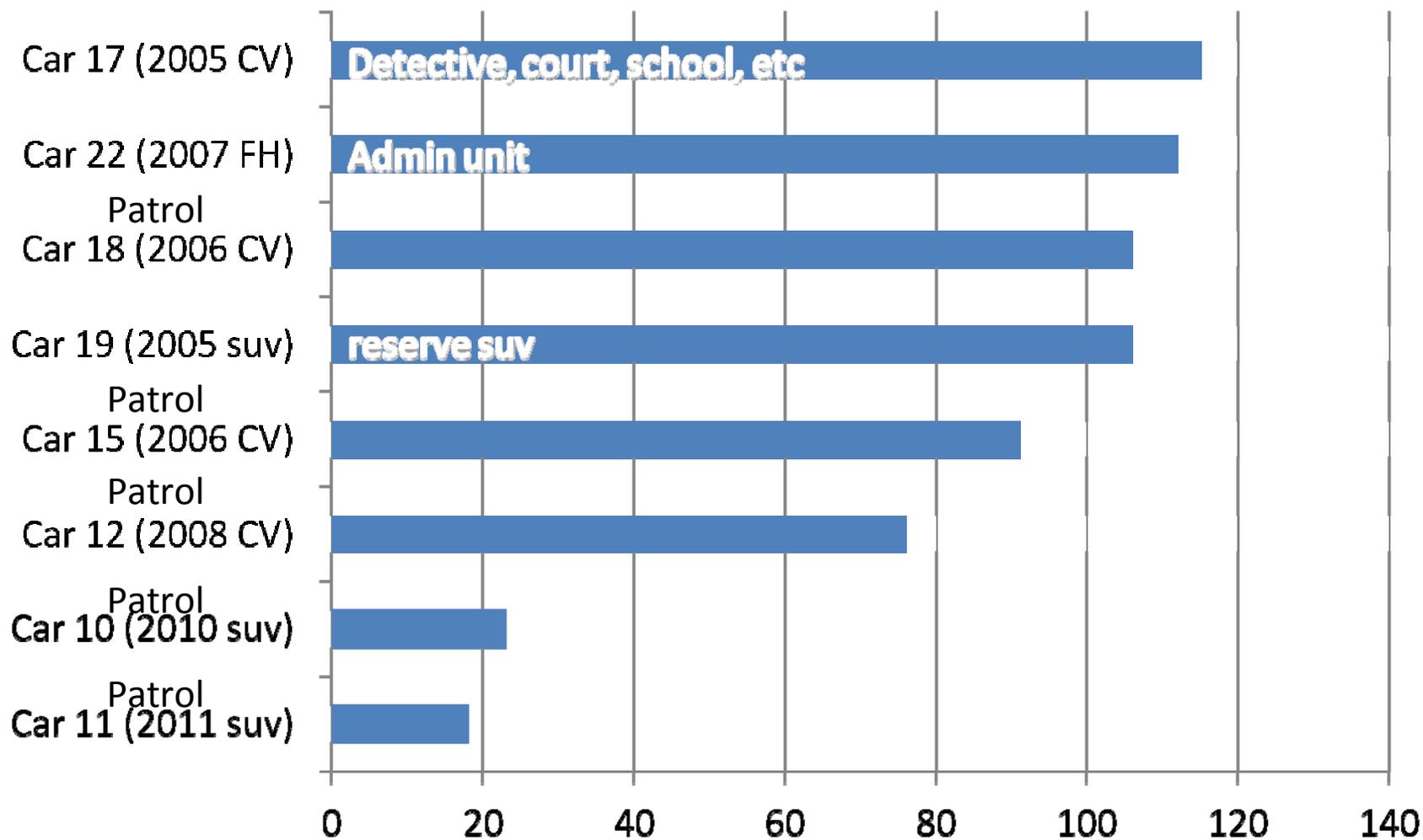




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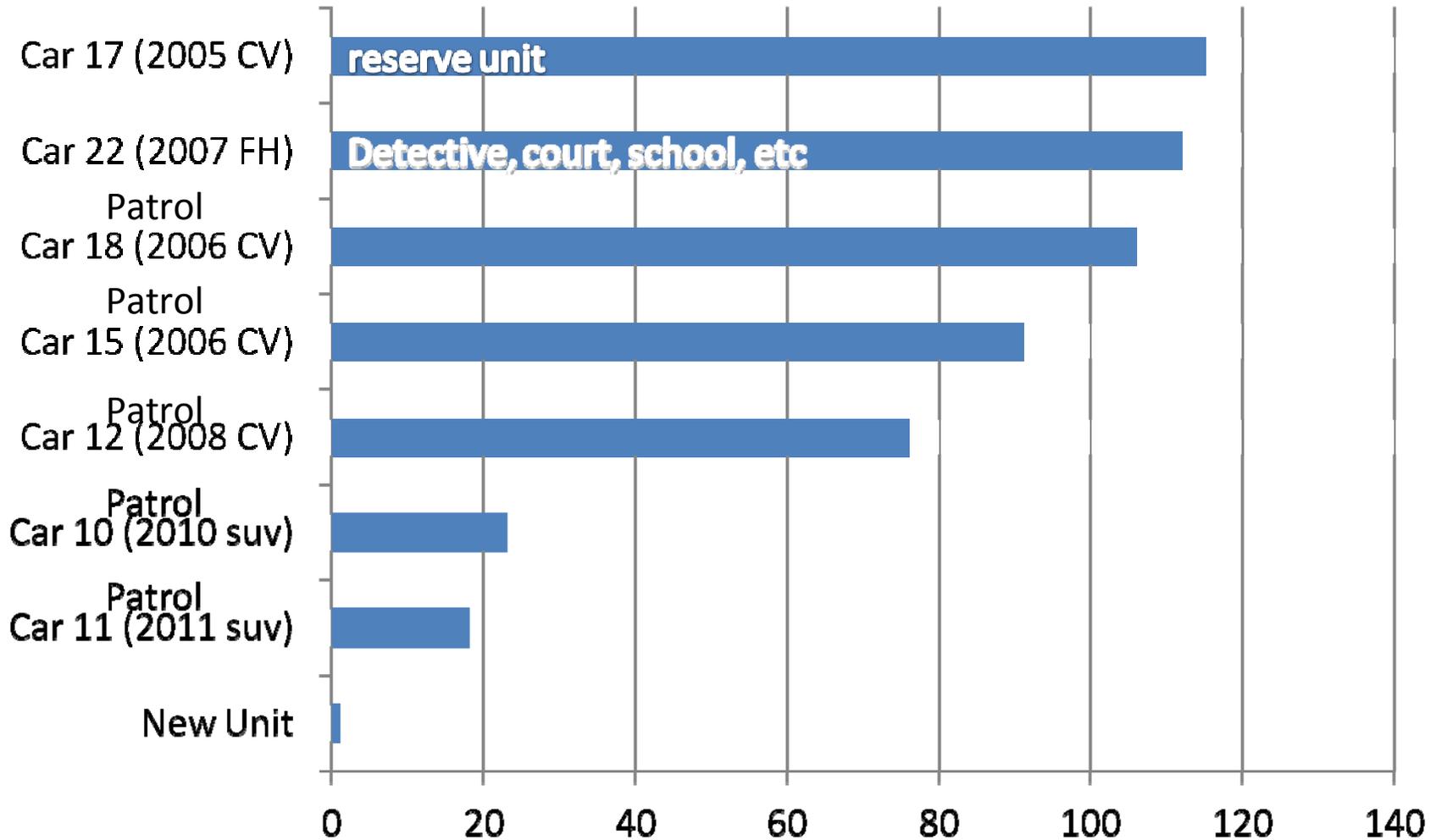
POLICE FLEET FY12

Mileage



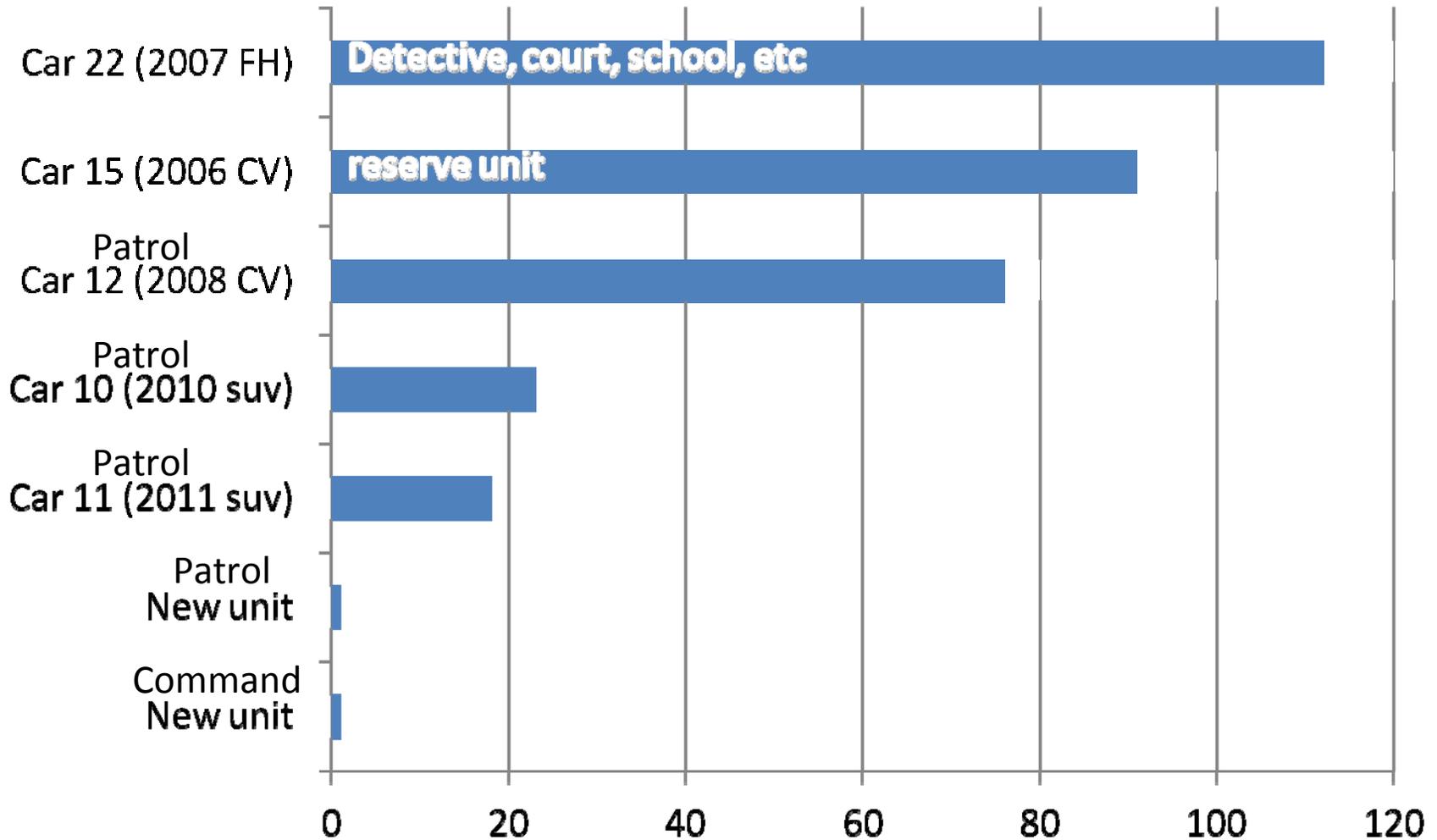
POLICE FLEET FY13

Mileage 1 replacement



POLICE FLEET FY13

Mileage 2 replacements



Refurbishment

- \$7,500 Rebuilt Engine and Transmission
- \$1,500 Est. to replace worn damaged parts
- \$1,500 Est. to repair body, paint, decals...
- \$1,500 Est. to repair interior components
- \$1,500 Est. to repair emergency equip
- **\$13,500 Total estimated budget**

Comparison

New Unit

- \$34,500
- 5yr./75k warranty
- Complete coverage
- Lifespan 5-6 years
- Possible reserve after lifespan?- Yes
- Out of Service time - low

Refurbished Unit

- \$13,500
- 3yr./36k warranty
- Powertrain only
- Lifespan 2-3? years
- Possible reserve after lifespan?- No
- Out of Service time – med?

Article 23: Capital Improvement – Replace Portion of Blanchard School Roof

- The roof was installed in 1988 and is now 24 years old and out of warranty
- The roof has deteriorating flashings and seams
- We have experienced leaks, and have had areas of this roof repaired in 2009 and 2010
- This warrant article will fund replacing the old roof with a durable single-ply roof system, including insulation, flashings and new roof drains and a 20-year full-system warranty
- SC unanimously recommended



Article 30 Capital Improvements: Sargent Memorial Library Painting

2012 Annual Town Meeting





I move to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose of power washing and painting the exterior of the Sargent Memorial Library.



Building Information

- The building was last painted in Fall of 2004.
- The paint has peeled in areas; it has mildew and is in need of new caulk in joints.
- Three bids have been received of \$26,400, \$18,500 and \$17,500.

Peeling paint/mildew



Peeling paint next to front door



Caulk is needed



Power washing needed



Trim needs painting/washing





Please Vote Yes

- The Library Board and Financial Committee unanimously support this expenditure.
- Please vote in favor of this article to maintain our Library and keep it a source of Town pride.
- A majority vote at Town Meeting is required.

ARTICLE 32

CONSERVATION TRUST FUND (CTF)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), said sum to be transferred to the Town's Conservation Trust Fund.

SUMMARY

- The appropriation is intended to fund anticipated capital needs related to conservation of land in Boxborough.
- The appropriation is included in the FY2013 Proposed Capital Plan for FY2012 through FY2022 (Finance Committee Report page 6) .

CONSERVATION TRUST FUND (CTF)

- Purchase of Land
- Expenses related to land acquisition review such as appraisals, title searches etc.
- Management, planning and improvement of conservation land.
- Monitoring Conservation Restrictions.
- Preparation of open space plans and maps.

**THE CTF IS SEPARATE FROM OTHER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
FUNDS AND DOES NOT PAY FOR:**

- Routine Operations and Maintenance (Operating Budget)
- Reviewing and Protecting Wetland Resources (State and Town Fee Funds)

CURRENT CTF BALANCE AND EXPENDITURES

- Current Balance: \$26,000.
- 2011 Appropriation: \$5,000
- 2011 Expenditures:
 - \$4,060 for Botanical Inventory Survey at Rolling Meadows.
 - \$860 for Property Boundary Survey at Flerra Meadows.

ANTICIPATED CTF EXPENDITURES

- Updating of Town Open Space and Recreation Plan (OPRP).
- Review of Land Acquisition Opportunities (appraisal, title search, engineering and land use review).
- Control of Invasive Plants.
- Monitoring of Conservation Restrictions.

APPROVAL OF CFT APPROPRIATION

- Is consistent with the Town's Capital Planning efforts and objectives.
- Provides an immediate and dedicated source of money to pay for anticipated needs.
- Avoids the need for ad hoc funding out the Town's annual operating budget.

RIGHT TO FARM BYLAW

- Promotes Boxborough's agriculture history.
- Adoption of this bylaw will not grant any rights that do not already exist.
- The bylaw language is taken directly from the State model.
- 116 towns have adopted this bylaw including: Harvard, Bolton, Lincoln, Stow, Berlin and Littleton.

2012 Annual Town Meeting Article #34

Landscaping Services
&
Landscaping Contractor
Zoning Bylaw Amendment

Article #34 Landscaping Bylaw

When landscaping businesses started coming to town, a previous Building Inspector made a determination that landscaping businesses are classified as Light Manufacturing, which are permitted by right in any business, office park, and industrial/commercial zone district and the only review that is currently required is Site Plan Approval from the Planning Board.

Article #34 Landscaping Bylaw

The proposed bylaw will:

- 1) Incorporate new definitions for Landscaping Services and Landscaping Contractors.
- 2) Define in which zoning districts the uses are permitted by right or by Special Permit.
- 3) Specify required parking.

Article #34 Landscaping Bylaw

Landscaping Services Definition: A business for the purpose of landscaping, snow removal and yard maintenance, such as grass cutting, leaf removal, and the care of planting beds, as well as the installation of plants, planting beds, at-grade walks and small landscape features. The business utilizes lawn mowers, snow blowers and other light equipment. There may be small displays of materials for review by customers, but there is no storage or distribution of bulk material at the site.

Article #34 Landscaping Bylaw

Landscaping Contractors Definition: A business for the purpose of large scale site grading and clearing as well as all other Landscaping Service uses. The business utilizes heavy equipment and may store and/or distribute bulk materials at the site.

Article #34 Landscaping Bylaw

4003(4) BUSINESS/INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS

USES (Continued) AR R1 B B1 OP TC IC

Landscaping Services	Y ₁₉	N	Y	Y	SP	Y ₁₉	Y
Landscaping Contractors	N	N	SP	SP	SP	N	Y

FOOTNOTES

19 Allowed only as a Home Occupation pursuant to Section 4102 & 4103

Article #34 Landscaping Bylaw

Footnote 19 would allow:

By Right: a very small landscaping business out of a person's home so long as there are no other employees, no display of goods visible from the street and no more than an average of 8 round trips per day.

By Special Permit: After notification to abutters and a public hearing, the Board of Appeals could allow a small business that has up to two non-resident employees, no display of goods shall be visible from any street, no more than an average of 16 round trips per day and requires a renewal of the permit every four years.

Article #34 Landscaping Bylaw

OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS

Use	Minimum Off-Street Parking Ratios
Landscaping Services, Landscaping Contractors	One space per each vehicle or trailer used in the operation and one space per three employees

The parking ratio for employees takes into consideration the fact that for larger landscaping operations, many employees drive directly to the job site and not to the business location. Additionally, it is normal for landscaping employees to carpool to the business location.

Article #34 Landscaping Bylaw

When the Board of Appeals receives a Special Permit application, they will evaluate the impact on water resources, the site, the natural landscape, neighborhood characteristics, health and traffic.

To issue a Special Permit, the Board has to find that the structure(s) and/or use(s) proposed shall not have adverse effects which outweigh its benefits on either the town or the neighborhood, in view of the particular characteristics of the site, and of the proposal in relation to that site.

Article #34 Landscaping Bylaw

Benefits of this Bylaw Amendment

- 1) This Bylaw puts into place definitions for this group of businesses since it is clear they are not Light Manufacturing.
- 2) It steers the bigger landscaping contractor businesses to the Industrial/Commercial districts, but allows flexibility for the smaller landscaping services in the Business zone districts.

ARTICLE 37

Resolution to Support
Passage of a Constitutional
Amendment Providing that
Corporations are not
Entitled to the Same Rights
as Natural Persons

SUPREME COURT'S "FIRST AMENDMENT" DECISION...



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2015

1905

“All contributions by corporations to any political committee or for any political purpose should be forbidden by law”

-Theodore Roosevelt

1907-1947

- **Tillman Act** (1907), banned corporate contributions to federal candidates
- **Smith-Connally Act** (1943), & **Taft-Hartley Act** (1947), extended the ban to labor unions

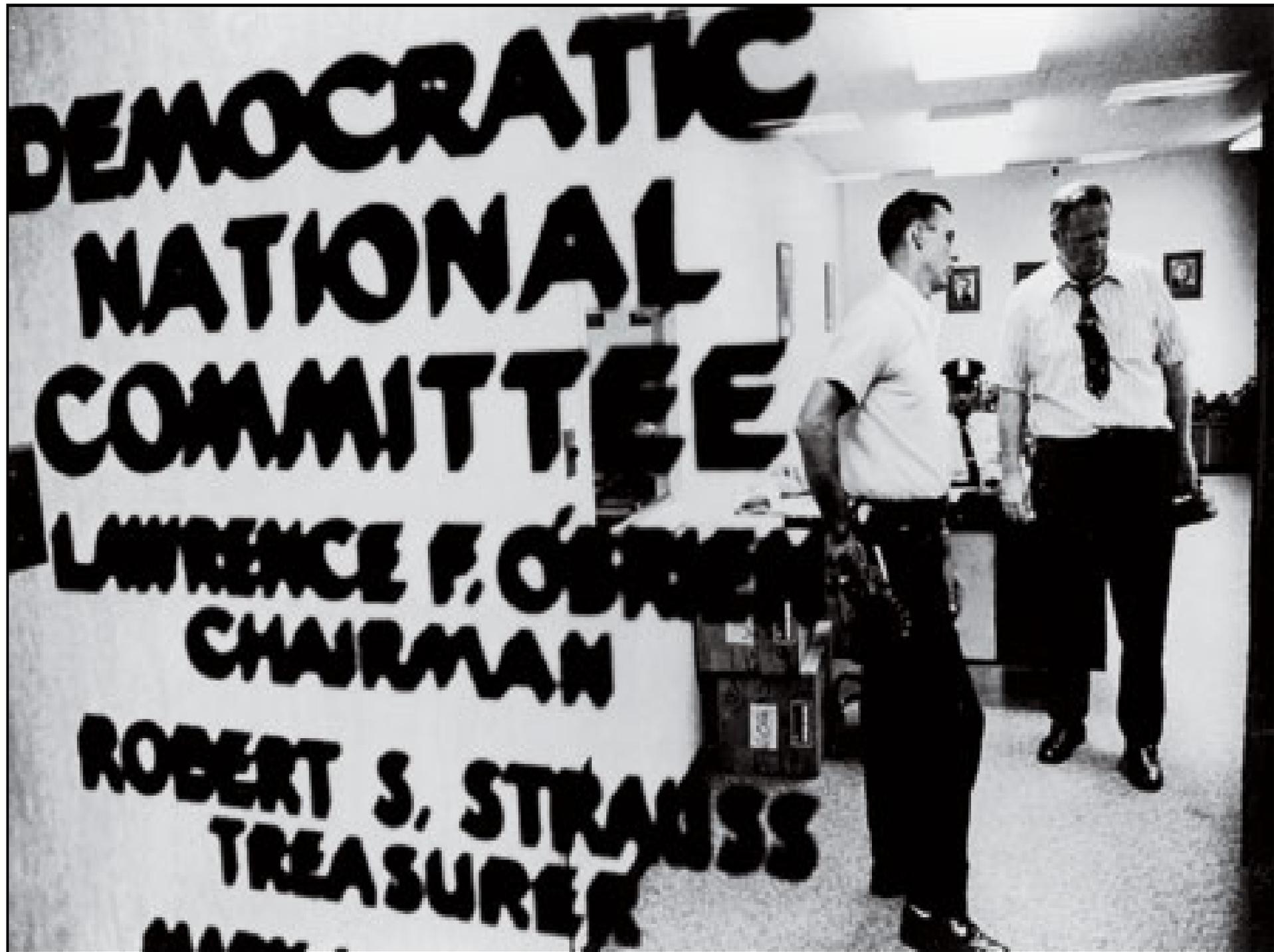
1972

- **Federal Election Campaign Act**
- Must disclose contributions to federal candidates, political parties, and Political Action Committees (PACs)

**DEMOCRATIC
NATIONAL
COMMITTEE**

**LAWRENCE F. O'BRIEN
CHAIRMAN**

**ROBERT S. STRAUSS
TREASURER**



FIFTY CENTS

APRIL 30, 1973

TIME

**WATERGATE
BREAKS
WIDE OPEN**



1974

- **Federal Election Commission**
- Publicly financed Presidential campaigns
- Capped campaign spending

2002

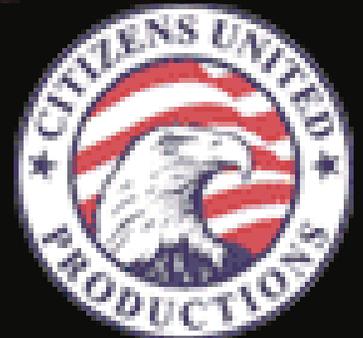
- **McCain-Feingold Law**
- Banned soft money
- Restricted “electioneering communications” by corporations and unions

HILLARY THE MOVIE

"Senator Clinton has an extraordinary ability to obfuscate, to refuse to answer questions, to avoid confrontations; and up until now has been given a pass on it."

BOB NOVAK

A Citizens United Productions Film





2010: CITIZENS UNITED

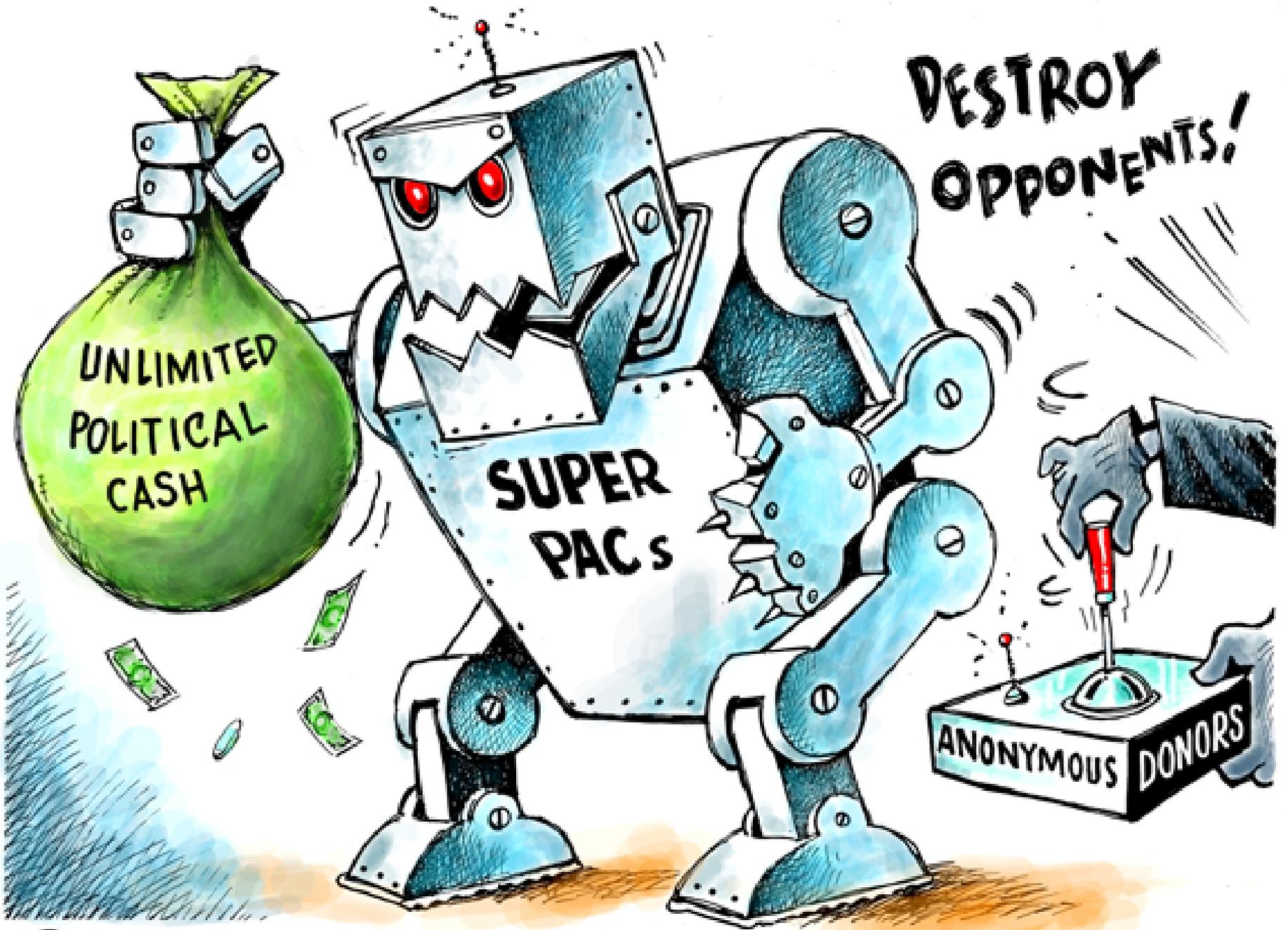
"Corporations have no consciences, no beliefs, no feelings, no thoughts, no desires...***they are not themselves members of 'We the People' by whom and for whom our Constitution was established***"

-Justice Stevens

2010: CITIZENS UNITED

“All speakers, including individuals and the media, use money amassed from the economic marketplace to fund their speech...the Government may not suppress political speech on the basis of the speaker’s corporate identity”

-Justice Kennedy

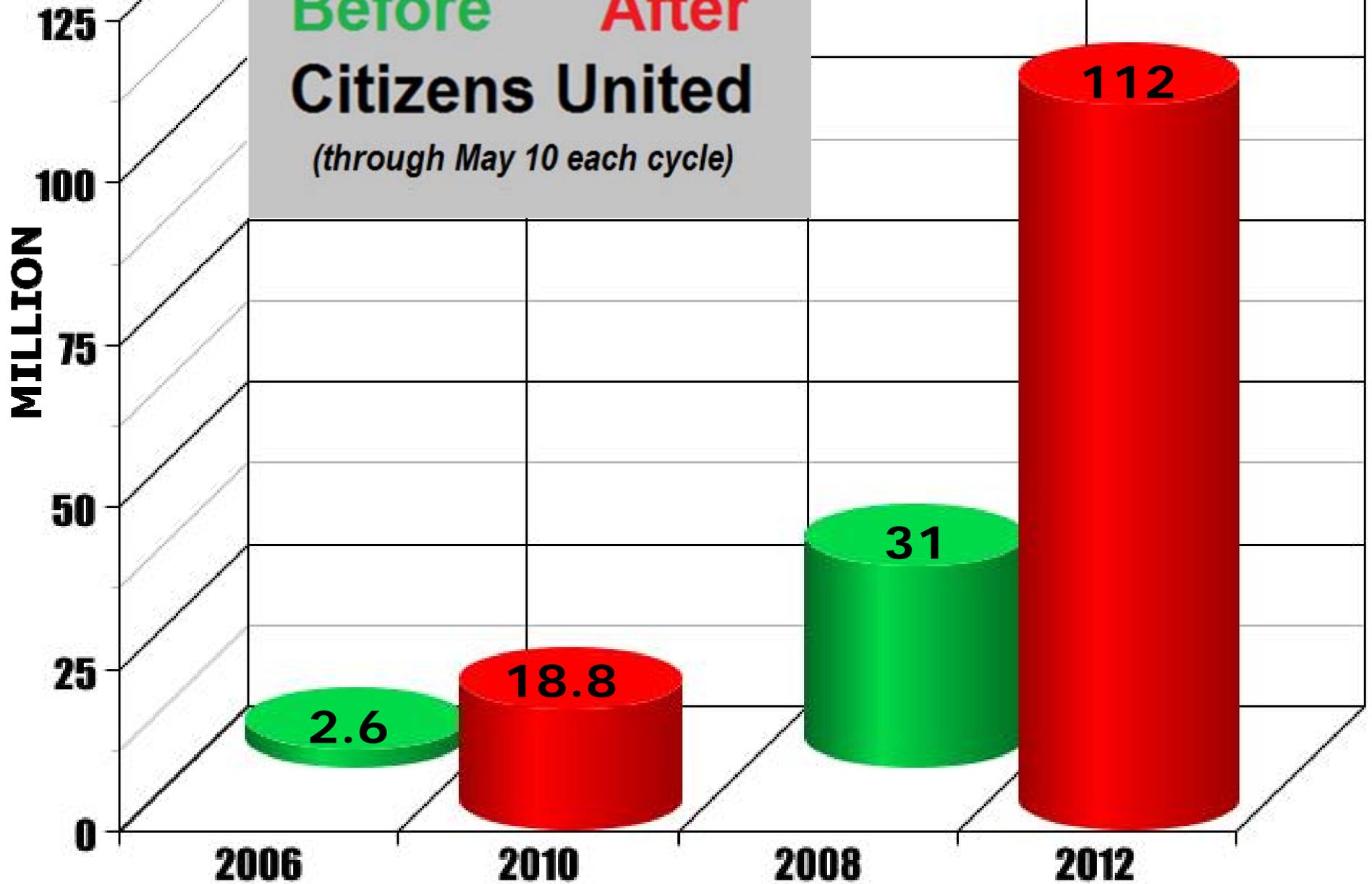


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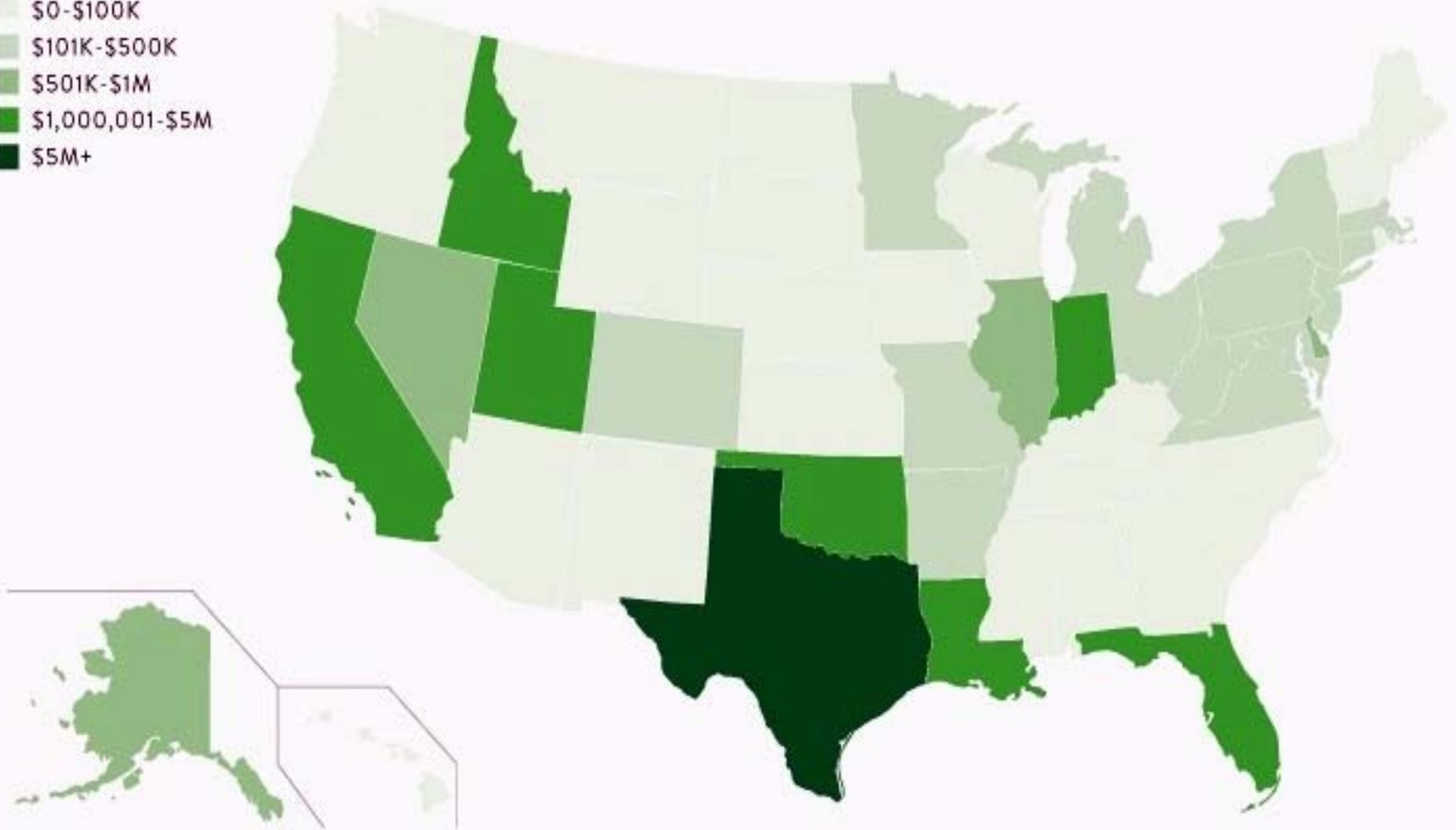
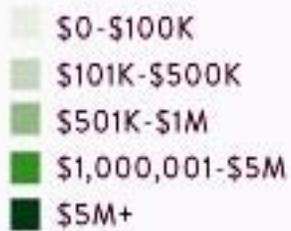
Before After

Citizens United

(through May 10 each cycle)

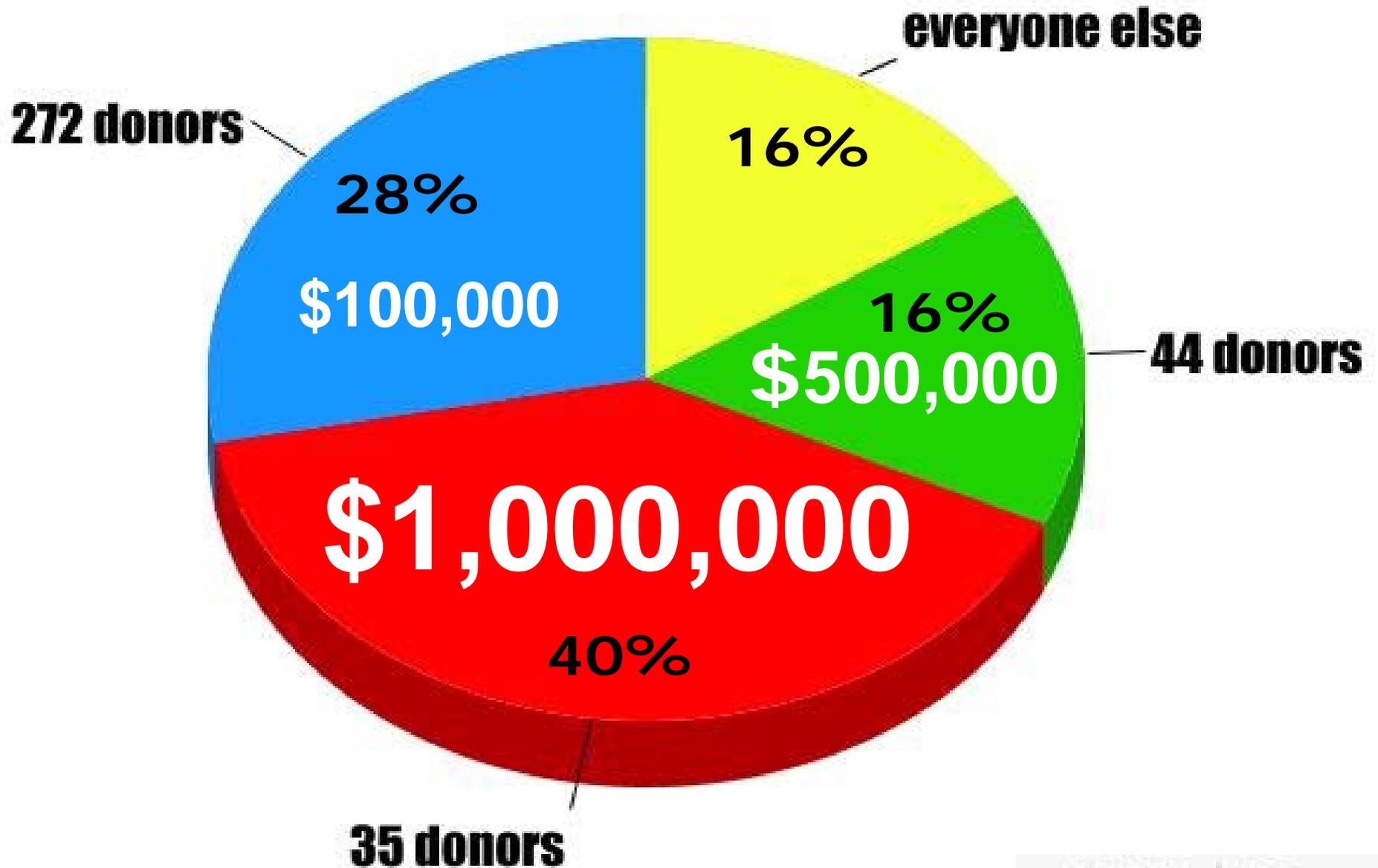


SuperPAC Contributions by State



source: Demos and U.S. PIRG Education Fund analysis of FEC and Sunlight Foundation data.

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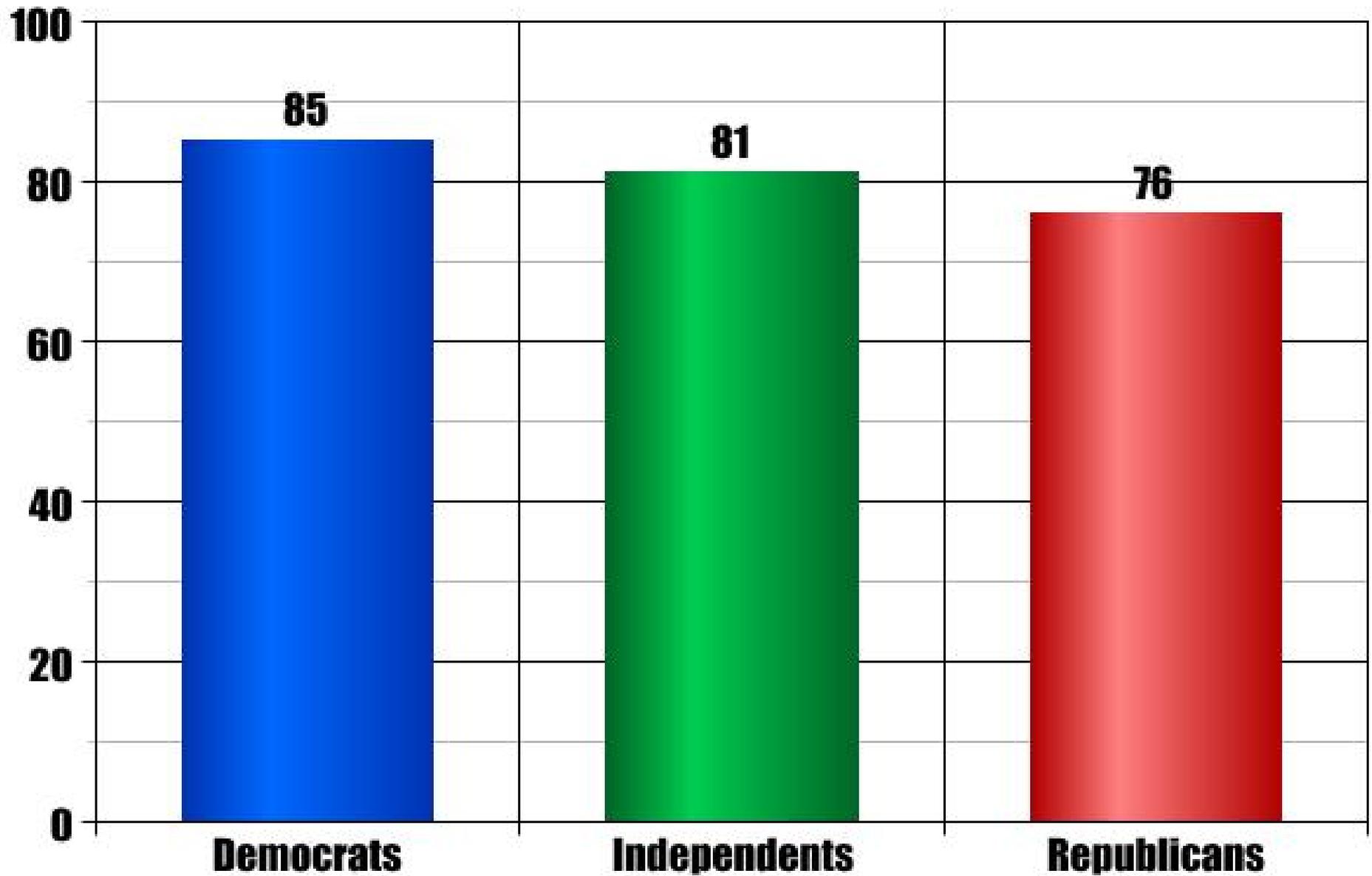


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MONEY SCREAMS

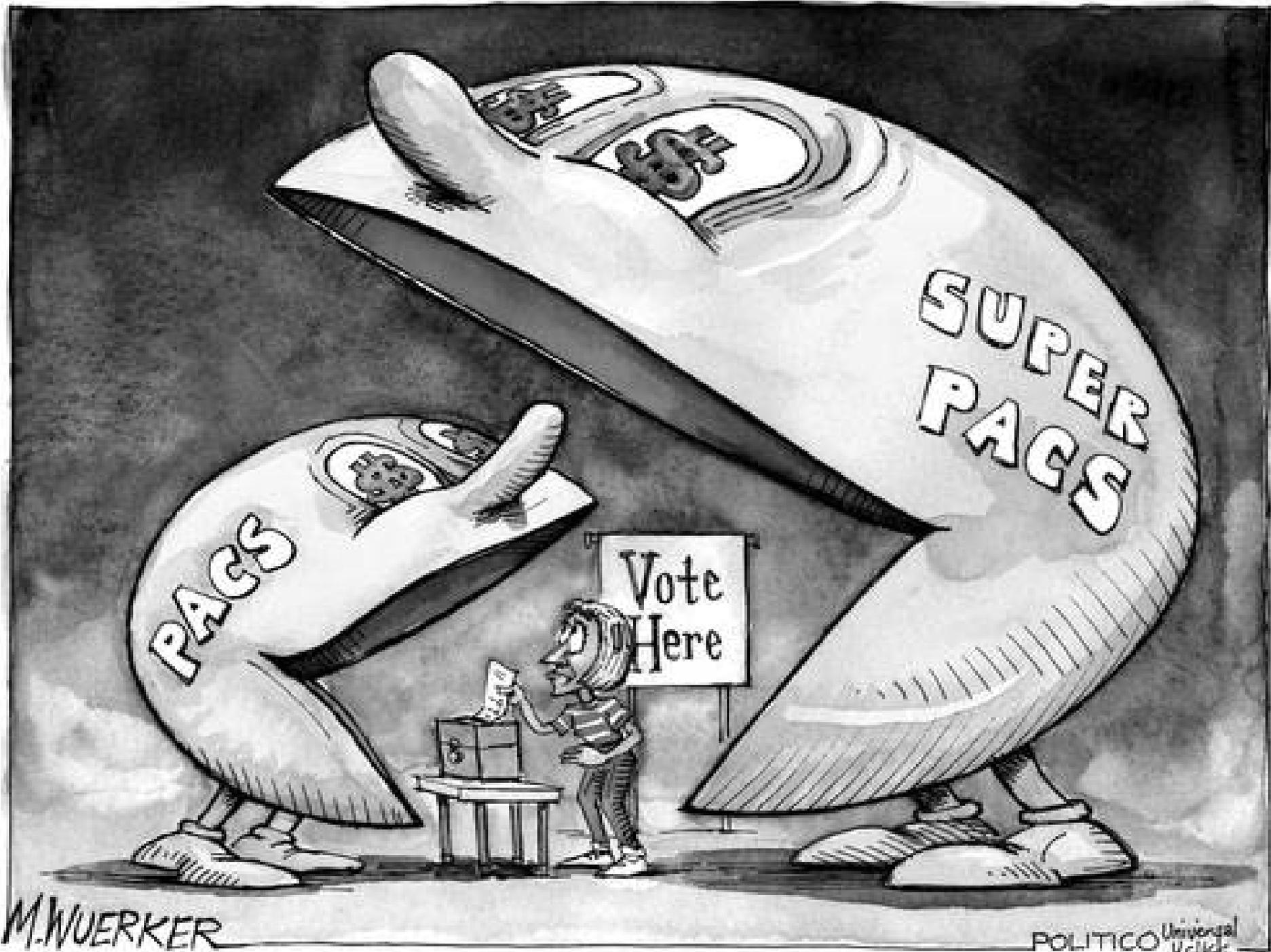
- The biggest spenders win more than 90% of federal elections.
- Will they hear you?
- Or the 11 millionths of 1%?

Americans Oppose Citizens United



The Washington Post abc NEWS poll





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