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Memorandum

To: Key Municipal Officials of MMA's Member Municipalities
From: Stephan Bunker, President, Maine Municipal Association
Date: June 23, 2016
Re: Ballots for Election to MMA'S Legislative Policy Committee

MMA's member municipalities have made their nominations for the 2016-2018 Legislative Policy Committee (LPC). It is now time to elect your representatives to serve on the Committee. The election ballot is enclosed. The ballot must be completed by the Board of Selectmen or Town or City Council of your municipality.

Number of votes

Most municipalities are asked to vote for two candidates, because there are two elected LPC members for most districts. Some municipalities only vote for one candidate, because the other LPC member in that district is appointed. ***You are instructed on the ballot (above the list of candidates) whether to vote for two candidates or just one.***

Candidate profiles

If you are not familiar with any of the candidates, please review the Candidate Profiles on the back of the ballot. Feel free, also, to contact the candidates directly.

Write-in candidates

In addition to the candidates listed on the ballot, you may vote for a candidate whose name you write in. The write-in candidate need not be from your municipality, but must be an elected or appointed official from a municipality in your Senate/LPC district. *Check to be sure the write-in candidate is willing to serve if elected!* Write-in candidates should be communicating their interest in serving among the municipal officers within their district.

If you are instructed to vote for two candidates and only one candidate is on the ballot, please use the "write-in" line for your second vote if you know of someone who is willing to serve.

Deadline for returning ballot

Return ballot by 5:00 p.m. on **August 5, 2016** to:

State and Federal Relations Dept.
Maine Municipal Association
60 Community Drive, Augusta, ME 04330
FAX: 624-0129

Your participation is important – Thank You!

OFFICIAL BALLOT – District 14

Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee
July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2018

VOTE FOR TWO:

- ☐ Scott Morelli, Manager, City of Gardiner
- ☐ Curtis Lunt, Manager, Town of Monmouth
- ☐ Peter Nielsen, Manager, Town of Winthrop
- ☐ Christine Sammons, Selectperson, Town of Readfield
- ☐ _____ (✎ write in)

(name) (position) (municipality)

Candidate Profiles Are On Reverse Side

MUNICIPALITY: _____ DATE: _____

✍ BY SELECTMEN/COUNCILORS:

signature	print name
signature	print name
signature	print name
signature	print name
signature	print name

Return by 5:00 p.m., August 5, 2016 to:

Laura Ellis, Maine Municipal Association
60 Community Drive, Augusta, ME 04330
Fax: 624-0129

(over)

LPC Senate District 14

Chelsea	Manchester	Readfield
Farmingdale	Monmouth	West Gardiner
Gardiner	Pittston	Winthrop
Hallowell	Randolph	

Candidate Profile:

Scott Morelli has served as the City Manager in Gardiner for over six years and prior to that was the Executive Assistant in the Town of Framingham, MA from 2005-2010 and Selectmen's Assistant in the Town of Waterboro, ME from 2000-2001. Mr. Morelli served the past three terms on the LPC and would like to serve again to continue to advocate for the towns in his District and to push for pro-municipal legislation, including less unfunded mandates and full restoration of revenue sharing.

Curtis Lunt has served as Manager in the Town of Monmouth for over eight years. Prior to that he served as Manager for the Town of Lisbon from 1992-2007 and in Conway, New Hampshire from 1982-1992. Mr. Lunt served on the LPC from 2000-2004 as well as from 2010-2016, and would like to serve another term to help connect municipal officials to legislative issues and encourage common sense legislation that actually solves problems.

Peter Nielsen has served as Town Manager in Central Maine for the past 26 years, most recently in Oakland before coming back to his home town to serve as Manager in Winthrop for the past year. Mr. Nielsen served on MMA's Executive Committee from 2009-2014 as well as in 2016. He served several terms on the LPC, including a year as Chair and would like to serve again to make sure that municipal government has a strong presence at the Legislature, where responsibilities and resources get assigned.

Christine Sammons has served as Selectperson in the Town of Readfield for this past year. Prior to that she served as School Director for eight years in So. Fayette Township, PA. Ms. Sammons would like to serve on the LPC to tackle such issues as school funding and the restoration of revenue sharing.

CITY OF Gardiner
Moving Forward

Via First Class and Electronic Mail

July 5, 2016

Mayor & City Councilors
City of Hallowell
One Winthrop Street
Hallowell, Maine 04347

Re: Reappointment to MMA's Legislative Policy Committee

Dear Hallowell Mayor and City Councilors:

I am writing today to ask for your community's vote to re-elect me to the Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee (LPC). I have had the pleasure to serve on the LPC since 2011 and would appreciate your vote for another two-year term so I can continue to advocate for our municipalities.

The LPC has seen success in recent years in preventing the full gutting of municipal revenue sharing and supporting efforts to expand broadband internet to more rural parts of the State. We've also rejected several items that would have drained both staff time and financial resources within our communities. Clearly, more work needs to be done and in the next session I would like the LPC to continue working on important matters, such as fully funding state revenue sharing to help alleviate the burden on property tax payers. As always, I am also interested in ensuring your specific concerns are addressed at LPC meetings and can be contacted anytime via the methods listed at the end of this letter.

You should have received a LPC ballot in the mail recently from MMA with four names on it, including mine. Your governing board can vote for two of the candidates and I respectfully ask that you include me as one of the two candidates that you vote for. **Ballots are due back at the MMA by August 5, 2016 at 5 p.m.**

Thank you for your consideration and I hope that I can count on your support.

Sincerely,

Scott Morelli
City Manager

cc: Nate Rudy, City Manager

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City of Hallowell
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Hallowell, ME 04347

06/29/2016

Dear City Council Members,

As a candidate for MMA Legislative Policy Committee, I ask for your consideration. I am from Maine and have served 41 years in Maine Towns, the last 9 years being in Monmouth. Like most Mainers, I believe in limited government but I also believe in doing what we do, well.

A poor economy and partisanship in the Legislature have led to declines in support for education and revenue sharing. Towns can and do make do with less but we need to remind the Legislature that we are partners. The MMA Legislative Policy Committee reviews hundreds of bills filed in the legislature and acts as a guide and a unified voice on municipal issues.

I promise to resist unfunded mandates and advocate for increased revenue sharing and education aid. There are many legislative bills that come up each year that affect central Maine towns and I promise to represent you to my best ability. I am available at 207-933-2206 ext 101 and would appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Curtis Lunt
Town Manager