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Memorandum

TO: MMA's Key Municipal Officials

FROM: Anne Swift-Kayatta, President, Maine Municipal Association

DATE: May 7, 2008

RE: Nominations to MMA's Legislative Policy Committee

What are the four or five most important changes that should be made to Maine law as it applies to local government?

Should MMA continue to advocate for comprehensive tax reform or should the Association recognize the Legislature is unwilling to reform the state's tax code and give up that fight?

Are the principles and practices of home rule and local control being eroded through the Legislature's consolidation efforts, or have the consolidation activities over the last several years found the right balance between efficiency and community-based decision making?

For the Maine Municipal Association, the decisions about these and hundreds of other public policy issues are decided by 70 elected and appointed municipal officials from across the state who are elected by their peers to serve on MMA's Legislative Policy Committee. It is time for all the municipalities in Maine to nominate their candidates to serve on this vital and diverse policy committee which is so important to the Association.

Enclosed is a **Nomination Form** for the July 2008 – June 2010 term of the Legislative Policy Committee. The purpose of the LPC is to define municipal interests and to maximize those interests through effective participation in the legislative process.

Any elected or appointed municipal official holding office in any MMA member community is eligible to serve on the Committee. There are two seats on the LPC for each State Senate District. Members serve two-year terms, representing their own community and the other municipalities in their Senate District.

LPC activities require a minimum time commitment of approximately ten hours a month during legislative sessions, which includes attendance at the monthly meeting and contacts with other communities and legislators in the district as issues arise. MMA's strength as a municipal advocate depends on the active help of a dedicated LPC.

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NOMINATION FORM

Maine Municipal Association's
Legislative Policy Committee
July 2008 to June 2010

Senate District 11

Chebeague Island	Gray	North Yarmouth
Cumberland	Long Island	Yarmouth
Falmouth		

The municipal officers of _____ **hereby nominate:**

Print name of your municipality

Nominee: _____ ✍

Print name of Nominee

Nominee's municipality: _____ **Position:** _____

Date: _____ ✍

_____
Signature of Nominator

_____
Print name of Nominator

Consent

I agree to accept the nomination and to serve if elected to the MMA Legislative Policy Committee:

Date: _____ _____ ✍

Signature of Nominee

Please return Nomination Form by 5:00 p.m. on June 18, 2008, to:

Laura Veilleux - Maine Municipal Association
60 Community Drive, Augusta, ME 04330
FAX: 626-3358

Nominations Received After 5:00 p.m. on June 18, 2008, Will Not Be Counted

LPC NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY

To: **Legislative Policy Committee Nominees**

From: **Maine Municipal Association**

Date: **May 07, 2008**

To help municipal officials make an informed choice when they vote for their LPC representatives, we ask nominees to provide some background information regarding their municipal service and why they want to be LPC members. A "nominee profile" is included on the ballot for each nominee who provides us with a profile.

Name: _____   **Title:** _____

Municipality: _____   **Years in current position:** _____

Mailing Address: _____
                                                                    (include zip code, please)

Prior (recent) municipal experience: _____

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Have you served on the LPC before? No ☐ Yes ☐   **If yes, what years?** _____

If you have served on any other MMA Committees, please note them: _____

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Please indicate your primary issues of concern, and/or reasons for wanting to serve on the LPC:

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Please give this completed form to your Board of Selectmen/Assessors or Council so that it can be returned with the Nomination Form, or send it directly to Laura Veilleux at MMA:

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Thank You!