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## Pro/Con Summary for Charter Revision Communications

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Mon, Aug 1, 2016 at 11:01 AM

Hi Mary Ann,

In reviewing the requirements for communications in the guide to financing a referendum PDF you sent with the minutes of the first meeting, I'm seeing this section on pro-con summaries. I don't see anything referencing this in the charter or listed under ordinances. Do you know of anything that would allow us to do pro/con summaries in balance?

**3. Pro-Con Summaries:** Such summaries of the issues surrounding a referendum are permitted **only** if provided for by local ordinance. If an ordinance allowing pro-con summaries is in effect, a municipality may use public funds to provide for concise summaries of *arguments both for and against* the referendum. In order to utilize a pro-con summary for a referendum, the municipality must also issue an explanatory text. The ordinance must provide for a committee composed of members of various viewpoints concerning the referendum, such as taxpayer and parent-teacher groups. The committee should provide an opportunity for public comment on the summaries. Summaries must also be approved by vote of the municipality's legislative body and must be posted and distributed in the same manner as explanatory texts. Each

summary shall state that it does not constitute an endorsement by, or represent the official position of, the municipality.

[General Statutes §9-369b(d)]

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No, that would be acceptable for an outside group but not for our purposes. You need to stay in the explainable area.

Sent from my iPhone  
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Please see the below clarifying Q/A for consideration at our next meeting and as we work on the explanatory text.

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