



THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

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Letters to the Editor
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Dear Letters to the Editor:

I write to commend and agree with Attorney Paul Peter Nicolai's letter stating that the Community Preservation Act would be an unfair burden to our taxpayers. My administration has been more than fair in properly funding historic preservation initiatives, when it makes good, sound fiscal, economic development and neighborhood sense. I stand firmly against this City Council tax initiative. This is a non-justified and unwarranted tax put forth by our City Council. Just as we are "starting to turn the corner" in Springfield, to allow the City Council to tax our residents even more, when there's no regulatory mandate for it – "is just plain wrong" and sends a terrible message to our business community too. I'll be voting no on local ballot Question 5 and urge our residents to do so too – "no on #5."

Respectfully,

Domenic J. Sarno
Mayor, City of Springfield