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Commonwealth
of Massachusetts

**Form CPF M101 BQ: STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION
BALLOT QUESTION COMMITTEE
MUNICIPAL FORM
Office of Campaign and Political Finance**

File with: City / Town Clerk or Election Commission

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 55, of the organization of a ballot question committee as follows:

1. Name (See note 1):	Plymouth Coalition for Consumer Choice Committee		
2. Committee mailing address:	60 Rocky Hill Road		
City/State/Zip:	Plymouth	MA	02360
E-mail Address:	Plymouth4CS@gmail.com	Phone #:	508-333-9759
3. Purpose / specific issues and interests (See note 2):	To oppose town bylaws which restrict consumer choice at retail establishments within the Town of Plymouth		
4. Topic of question & question no., if known:	A ban on the sale of any bottle or container of alcohol that is 100 ml or less; Question 1		
5. This committee is formed to (check one):	<input type="checkbox"/> support or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> oppose the question.		

6. OFFICERS:			
Chairman:	Brian Dunn	Treasurer*:	Timothy Lawlor
Residential Address:	25 Vernon Road	Residential Address:	60 Rocky Hill Road
City / State / Zip:	Plymouth MA 02360	City / State / Zip:	Plymouth MA 02360
Phone #:	508-333-9759	Phone #:	508-206-6533
		E-mail:	tlawlor@retrofit.com
*A public employee may not serve as treasurer of any political committee (see reverse).			
Other Officer Title:		Other Officer Title:	
Residential Address:		Residential Address:	
City / State / Zip:		City / State / Zip:	
Phone #:		Phone #:	
(Complete and attach a Form CPF MA 101, if necessary, with other officers and finance committee, if any.)			

The chairman and treasurer of a political committee should be aware that provisions of M.G.L. c. 55 specify that each treasurer of a political committee shall keep and preserve detailed accounts, vouchers and receipts for a period of six years from the date of the relevant election. Chapter 55 also specifies that no expenditures shall be made for, or on behalf of, a political committee without the authorization of the chairman or treasurer, or their designated agents; and, that all funds of a political committee shall be kept separate from any personal funds of any officers, members or associates of such committee.

I hereby accept the office of Chairman of the above-named committee.
SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY:

Chairman's signature

Date: 11/27/23

I hereby accept the office of Treasurer of the above-named committee. I affirm that I am not a public employee as defined by M.G.L. c. 55, s. 12. I understand that: 1) I am subject to certain duties and liabilities under M.G.L. c. 55, including the timely filing of campaign finance reports and keeping detailed accounts and records of all campaign finance activity for a period of six years from the date of the relevant election; and 2) if after my acceptance of this office I become an appointed public employee, I must resign this position and notify OCPE of my resignation.

SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY:

Treasurer's signature

Date: 11/27/23

NOTES FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

NOTE 1. M.G.L. c. 55, s. 5 and 5B require that the full name of a political committee:

- (i) include the full words represented by any abbreviations, initials or acronyms in the name;
- (ii) clearly identify the economic or other special interest, if identifiable, of a majority of its contributors or organizers;
- (iii) if a majority of its contributors or organizers share a common employer that identifies the employer; and
- (iv) if the committee is organized, financed, controlled or maintained by an individual, the name or phrase identifies said individual.

NOTE 2. M.G.L. c. 55, s. 5 and 5B require that the statement of purpose for which a political committee is organized include a list of specific issues in which the committee takes an interest, and a list of specific interests, including but not limited to business, charitable, educational, or other interests represented by the committee, or by a significant proportion of its officers, members or donors.

DEFINITION OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE

M.G.L. Chapter 55, Section 13 states that a person who is employed for compensation by the Commonwealth or any county, city or town (other than an elected official) may not directly or indirectly solicit or receive political contributions. Such persons may not serve as treasurers of any political committee. If you are unsure of your status, please contact OCPE for further guidance.

SELECTED EXTRACTS FROM M.G.L. C. 55

Section 1 defines a ballot question committee:

"a political committee which receives or expends money or other things of value for the purpose of favoring or opposing the adoption or rejection of a specific question or questions submitted to the voters, including, without limitation, a charter change, an initiative or referendum question or a constitutional amendment."

Section 3 requires the director to:

"assess a civil penalty for any [late filed] report ... of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per day ... [up to \$5,000 per report] ... the civil penalty shall be assessed against the treasurer of the [ballot question] committee ..."

Section 5 outlines statements of organization of political committees:

Each political committee shall organize by filing with the director or, if organized for the purpose of a city or town election only, with the city or town clerk, a statement of organization

The statement of organization shall include: (1) the full name of the political committee ... which, if not organized on behalf of a candidate, shall include the full words represented by any abbreviation of the political committee; (3) a statement of the purpose for which the political committee is organized ... the committee takes an interest, and a list of specific interests, including but not limited to business, by the committee, or by a significant proportion of its officers, members or donors; (4) the name and residential address of the chairman and the treasurer; (5) the name, residential address, and position of other