



Resolution #3 – A Grassroots Campaign for Local Aid

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Whereas: Since passage of Proposition 2½ our municipalities have increasingly relied on Local Aid from the state to fund basic municipal services, and

Whereas: As a result of the great Wall Street recession, Local Aid has been slashed 36 percent from 2008 levels, more than any other budget category, and

Whereas: In today's dollars the amount of Local Aid is 50 percent of what it was in 2001, and

Whereas: This has resulted in layoffs and low wages for many municipal workers, and

Whereas: State tax collections have increased as our economy has improved, growing more than five percent to \$1 billion this year alone, and

Whereas: Lawmakers have refused to restore Local Aid even in the face of increasing revenues.

Therefore be it resolved: *That Local 888 commit to organizing an aggressive grassroots fight to significantly increase Local Aid in the FY'16 Massachusetts State Budget.*