

**SPECIMAN BALLOT**  
**CITY OF EASTPORT**  
**AUGUST 9, 2010**

- YES
- NO
1. DO YOU FAVOR APPROVING THE EASTPORT SCHOOL BUDGET FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR THAT WAS APPROVED BY THE EASTPORT SCHOOL BOARD AT ITS BUDGET MEETING AND THE EASTPORT CITY COUNCIL AT ITS BUDGET MEETING?

**NOTE:** Due to budget delays caused by the AOS consolidation mandated by the State failure to pass the school budget could have a significant negative financial impact upon the City of Eastport.

- YES
- NO
2. Second, to repeal the school budget referendum process:
- DO YOU WISH TO CONTINUE WITH THE BUDGET VALDIATION REFERENDUM PROCESS FOR THE CITY OF EASTPORT SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE YEARS?

**NOTE:** A "No" vote will discontinue the school budget referendum for at least three years. The City believes this will save a significant amount of time and money for the City if the time consuming and costly referendum process is eliminated. The referendum process is considered unnecessary as public input will still remain a part of the process through the school board meetings, budget committee meetings, and various other public participation forums. This referendum was not required until recently when it became mandated by the State. The school budget would still be presented and reviewed by the residents of Eastport at the budget public hearing and would still be approved by City Council as a checks and balances.

A "Yes" vote will require the City of Eastport to continue to conduct A referendum to validate its annual school budget for the next three years.

- YES
- NO
3. DO YOU FAVOR THE CITY REQUESTING THAT THE PASSAMAQUODDY WATER DISTRICT REMOVE FLOURIDE FROM THE EASTPORT WATER SUPPLY IN A COST SAVING MEASURE?