

# The Fair Share Campaign is Underway

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Wednesday, September 16, 7-9 pm, JFK Community Room

We write to you with a great sense of purpose: a statewide campaign has begun to pass a graduated income tax in Massachusetts and raise a billion dollars to support public education and other essential public services. Yes!Northampton has a role to play in this important initiative.

This "fair share" tax proposal would amend the state Constitution to allow for a graduated income tax on millionaires - a 4% higher tax rate - which would generate \$1 billion in revenue dedicated to public education and public transit, roads and bridges.

We at Yes!Northampton are ready to deliver on the promise we made during the property tax override campaigns: we will work on progressive tax reform as the lasting solution to the problem of inadequate public funding for municipalities. While we needed those overrides as a last resort to preserve our community, regularly asking our citizens to fund an override is not sustainable. Now is the time to fight for our fair share.

Please join us and learn more. Yes!Northampton, in conjunction with PHENOM (Public Higher Education Network of Massachusetts) and several other groups, are hosting a campaign kick-off and training around the collection of signatures this fall, in order to put the initiative on the ballot in 2018.

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The statewide campaign organizer will lead the training. We are inviting our mayor and local officials, our state legislators, the media...and most importantly, all of you!

Hope to see you there.

