



Envision Arlington Diversity Task Group

DTG represents residents who are committed to making our town inclusive; fostering awareness, community, and action; and creating safe spaces where all voices are welcome.

All Arlington residents, as well as those who visit our town for work, recreation, and business, benefit from knowing that we do not **equivocate** when it comes to human rights. At this time in our nation's history and also in our town's history, we need to **lean into the tough issues** because, as Frederick Douglass reminded us, "*if there is no struggle, there is no progress.*" By placing the Black Lives Matter banner on our town hall, we don't say we are done with the struggle; we say we are ready to engage with each other from this starting place of human rights.

At its October 12, 2020, meeting, the Envision Arlington Diversity Task Group (DTG) voted to endorse the recently proposed warrant article to Town Meeting to **raise and leave lifted** the Black Lives Matter banner at town hall. The warrant article reads as follows:

Be it hereby resolved, that it is the will of Town Meeting that the Town of Arlington continue to display a Black Lives Matter banner on Town Hall until such time as Town Meeting recommends its removal, or takes any action related thereto.

For these and many other reasons, DTG formally endorses the BLM banner warrant article **and trusts that the Select Board will give it due consideration.**