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To: Arlington Redevelopment Board, and Jenny Raitt, DPCD Director
Subject: Recommended Vote for Article 19, Accessory Dwelling Units

I'm writing to the Board as a former member of the Residential Study Group. I was deeply involved in the deliberations of the ARB's proposed ADU Article for 2019 Town Meeting, and I have researched similar bylaws in neighboring communities, through their Zoning Bylaws and through the 2018 Pioneer Institute document, "The State of Zoning for Accessory Dwelling Units."

While the current Article 19 that is before you is well-intentioned, it is also flawed and inferior to the version which was narrowly defeated in 2019. It lacks both the benefits and protections which that version provided, and is vague in its wording. While it purports to enable the creation of additional affordable housing in town, it offers no mechanisms by which to do this.

Please find attached a substitute motion that is largely based upon what the ARB proposed in 2019, with additional clarifications and safeguards that address the concerns that many had at that time. It is also in line with the ADU Bylaws in other communities. I believe that this will serve as a consensus version that can be supported by most residents.

Please post immediately, for inclusion in the Monday, October 26 discussion.

Thank you.

Best wishes,
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