

Arlington Special Town Meeting — Motion to Amend

ARTICLE 13: HOME RULE LEGISLATION/RANKED CHOICE VOTING

Date: November 16, 2020

I, Paul Schlichtman, do hereby submit the following Motion to amend the Recommended Vote of the Select Board under Article 13:

By STRIKING:

Section 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

And INSERTING in its place:

Section 2. This Act shall take effect upon approval of the majority of Arlington voters by local ballot question.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Schlichtman', written over a horizontal line.

Paul Schlichtman, Precinct 9

Date Voted: _____

Action Taken: _____

Rationale:

Proponents of the Ranked Choice Voting question on the state ballot specifically stated that approval of the question would not change voting methods in municipal elections.

Consequently, favorable or unfavorable votes on Question 2 do not inform us about the support or lack of support for implementing Ranked Choice Voting in municipal elections.

Implementing Ranked Choice Voting for town elections is a significant, substantive change in the way we elect town officials, and the voters should have the ability to approve or reject this change before it is applied to town elections.