

Resolution:

Formally Invite Arlington Housing
Authority Representatives to Present to
Town Meeting Annually

Article 84

Subject Matter:

Arlington Housing Authority Presents to Town Meeting

To see if the Town will vote to endorse a resolution calling for the Director of the Arlington Housing Authority to be formally invited to present the AHA proposed annual budget and other key initiatives to the Town Meeting as a regular, annual event; or take any action related thereto.

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Notes:

- The Arlington Housing Authority, with four major properties (Winslow Towers, Cusak Terrace, Drake Village complex and Chestnut Manor, along with subsidies through rental vouchers and programs serving families, elderly, low-income residents and those with special needs, plays a critically important part in the support of affordable housing in Arlington. As affordable housing becomes elevated to a greater visibility as a key issue of policy, planning and financial assistance in the town, it is important for the legislative body, Town Meeting, to have a clear understanding of the AHA's resources and plans to provide a more seamless strategy for providing affordable housing in Arlington. It is also important to understand the efforts of AHA to enable their housing assets to meet the projected long-term needs of the Town's eligible residents.
- This AHA presentation should be comparable to the presentations to Town Meeting provided by other agencies and organizations that affect the town, like the School Dept., Minuteman, the Community Preservation Act, Envision Arlington, etc. The presentation should consist of a review of its five-year revenue and expense projections, its plans for expansion, acquisition, construction, changes in policies, services and other issues it hopes to address in the future. It should also include a 10 to 20 year master plan for renovation, reconstruction and new construction.
- Such a presentation should lead toward a greater understanding of and collaboration with the Arlington Housing Authority by other citizens and organizations in the town who share an interest in our affordable housing assets.