

Arlington Special Town Meeting — Substitute Motion

ARTICLE NO. 5

Dated: May 5, 2024

I, Nora J. Mann (P20), along with David Levy (P18), Barry Jaspan (P18), and Christopher Moore (P14) do hereby submit the following Substitute Motion under Article 5:

Voted:

That the Town of Arlington take NO ACTION on Warrant Article 5.

Comment:

The main motion under Article 5 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant asks the Town Meeting to take a position on an extremely complex and painful conflict. Like all diverse communities, Arlington residents are deeply connected to the many sides of the conflict.

There are more than just two sides and this makes an up or down vote a false binary. Either position the Town Meeting takes on the main motion will only deepen the pain of a large number of our neighbors and friends. The Town's role in this context should be to help residents rise above their divisions and to nurture an environment of kindness, understanding, and mutual respect. A vote on the Substitute Motion of No Action places a priority on the health of our town.

Respectfully submitted,



Nora J. Mann

Precinct 20

Date Voted: _____

Action Taken: _____