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Subject: Reprecincting options

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Dear Chair DeCoursey and honorable Select Board members,

Without telling you how to vote, I would ask that you to consider the least disruptive form of "re-princincting" necessary under state and Federal law. I believe the pandemic and high school construction are disruptions-enough for one season. We don't need change for change sake or any unnecessary and unjustified disruptions.

Sincerely,

Jordan Weinstein
Town Meeting Member, Pct. 21.

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Subject: letter to SB for the record, prior to Monday Nov. 22 meeting

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Hi Ashley,

Several days ago, I sent you a copy of my letter to the SB relating to an agenda item for the Monday. Nov. 22 meeting and asked to have it added to the record. (See below) But I don't see it in the correspondence link on the agenda for Monday night? If you could please make sure it is added I'd very much appreciate it.

Thank you, and have a good weekend—
Wynelle

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Date: Wed, 17 Nov 2021 10:16:52 -0500
Subject: upcoming decision on re-precincting

Dear Select Board members:

The Reprecincting Working Group has worked hard to create two options for the required reprecincting in Arlington, the Limited Change and the Recommended maps. As you consider which to vote on, I urge you to choose the Limited Change map.

As Ms. Mahon pointed out in a Select Board meeting last month, Arlington is facing some very challenging times in terms of our budget. The likelihood of a whopping override looms, and, coupled with the debt exclusion for the new high school, this presents an existential situation for many of our lower- and fixed-income residents. Guiding the Town through the coming years and balancing competing demands on our resources demands consistency in our Finance Committee.

My understanding is that the Limited Change map will cause the least disruption to that committee. I believe that is of the utmost importance that their work continue

uninterrupted.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this issue, and again, I urge you to vote for the Limited Change map.

Sincerely,
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Subject: Democracy

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Stephen DeCoursey, Chair Arlington Select Board

Dear Mr. DeCoursey,

I write to ask you to consider the less disruptive of the reprecincting plans. The last 4+ years have been tumultuous in a variety of ways, let's regroup before embarking on additional unnecessary upheaval. Please vote for the limited change map.

Poll access should be the priority and integrity of the ballot, not economizing, not "efficiencies".

I hope Arlington will reflect on what we celebrate in 2025 and that you as chair of this municipal body will remain true to the hope of those who fought in 1775 and those who continue today to perfect this experiment in democracy by speaking out.

Kind regards,
Beth Melofchik

Members of Arlington Select Board,

I am writing to ask you to vote tomorrow evening for the "limited change" plan that just makes minor cl
boundaries, the same as been done traditionally over the past 50 years.

The "recommended plan" proposed by the town clerk will make drastic changes town meeting, school d
make-up of the finance committee.

Thank you for considering this vote.

Sincerely,
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I understand that the Reprecincting Working Group for the Town of Arlington is seeking to make significant changes in the 21 Precincts in the Town by seeking your approval tonight. Such changes suggested would have impacts on school districts, Town Meeting representation and the makeup of the Finance Committee. My wife and I have lived in the same home on Jason Street now going on 41 years. I was fortunate enough to grow up in Arlington where I attended school and enjoyed the benefits of town meeting representative government responsible to a large and diverse town meeting membership. My wife and I strongly wish to ask you to support the " Limited Change " choice for Arlington Town Precinct determinations proposed as an alternative to the more radical divisions put forth by the Town Clerk's Office. Thank you for your consideration.

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Subject: Pct 7 and Reprecincting

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I urge the Select Board to vote for the Minimum Change option for this year's round of reprecincting. While I am not familiar with conditions in every Arlington precinct, I know Pct 7 pretty well, and currently represent it as one of its Town Meeting members. Precinct 7, as currently constituted, lies between major arterial streets, Massachusetts Avenue to the South, Warren Street and Broadway to the North. In between lies a wedge of tree-lined, residential streets in an arc radiating from the edge of Arlington Center and terminating at Grafton Street, on the fringe of the East Arlington business district. This is a natural neighborhood, supporting foot traffic between the two business districts and provided a very habitable mix of two-family houses, single-family houses, and apartment buildings. There's a robust mix of tenants and renters. It is quite a coherent precinct, and the major arterial streets that bound it create an intuitive segmentation with adjacent precincts. None of that was reflected in the discussion of Precinct 7 that the Town Clerk presented, and that discussion seemed to me to be an essentially alienated analysis, devoid of the human experience of having lived there.

I understand that the Minimum Change proposal for Precinct 7 involves adding one block to it, which will force all TMMs in the precinct to run again. With no discussion of an alternative disposition of that block, there is a whiff of thrash for thrash sake in that, but thrash is being avowed as a civic good in this proposal, so perhaps this should come as no surprise.

Please vote for the Minimum Change proposal.

Roderick Holland
Pct 7 TMM