

Re: Please vote No Action on the warrant Article I submitted entitled "Civic Participation"

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Your email is sufficient, Ms. Dray, and I will have it added to the article via Novus Agenda. You do not have to appear before the Board on the 27th.

Thanks!

Len

On Thu, Feb 23, 2023 at 7:01 PM Elizabeth Dray <elizabethdray7@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Chairman Diggins,

I am writing to ask the Select Board to vote "No Action" on the Warrant Article I submitted entitled "Civic Participation".

After receiving input from DEI Directory Jillian Harvey and reading the recommendations of the recent Equity Audit it appears that this study group would be redundant as many of the topics it was charged to study were studied by the Equity Audit.

In addition, the audit made many recommendations that touch upon the topics the Civic Participation Study Group was to study, including: creation of a Community Engagement Team, implementation of "universal practices for commission and committee appointments and advertisements for upcoming and current open seats.", implementation of "term limits for town meeting members, consider term limits for boards and commissions" and the creation of "informational classes for newcomers regarding Town Government".

Please let me know if I still need to appear in front of the Select Board on February 27th or if this email is sufficient to express my intentions.

I commend the Select Board and the DEI Director on their commitment to equity in Arlington and look forward to learning more about how these recommendations will be enacted.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Dray

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Living on the ancestral lands of the Massachusetts Tribe, the tribe of Indigenous peoples from whom the Colony, Province, and Commonwealth have taken their names. I pay my respects to the ancestral bloodline of the Massachusetts Tribe and their descendants who still inhabit historic Massachusetts territories today.