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Memo to: Select Board, Chair Len Diggins From: Jillian Harvey, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Division Director Date: March 6, 2023 Subject: Request to Extend Black History Month Banners through March

The Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Division is requesting to keep the Black History Month (BHM) Banners up until March 31, 2023. The BHM Banners were approved at the January 23<sup>rd</sup> Select Board meeting, to be up or the month of February to celebrate Black History Month.

A few residents and businessowners across town have reached out to inquire if the banners could stay up for the month of March. Some of the banners went up mid-February so allowing more time for them to be viewed would be wonderful. Additionally, the set of banners in East Arlington feature prominent Black women leaders, which ties nicely into Women's History Month.

Please consider this request to keep the BHM banners up for the month of March, if no other banner requests have been made.

Thank you,

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