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Subject: Article 34 Hearing – followup

I watched the recording of your hearing on Article 34, and I have a few follow-ups.

First, while speaking for only myself, as a Finance Committee member I must push back on Mr. Vellanki's blithe assertion that this article will help town finances. His myopic analysis considers the revenues but not the costs; even the article's proponents assert that the article's financial effects are uncertain.

Second, Mr. Moore's observations were very wise; Arlington needs to catch its collective breath after the year-long labor required for its compliance with MBTA-C.

Finally, the proponents' hinging of the article's advance on the quantum of vote smells worse and worse to me. As I wrote the ARB about MBTA-C last Fall, "If this article squeaks through TM with only 50%+, it will be very bad for the town going forward. Aim for 80% or more." MBTA-C showed that such a vote IS possible.

Thanks for all the time you devote to our town.

Respectfully,

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