

Attention Arlington Town Meeting Members: What's behind Article 60?

Town Meeting won't be voting on the resolution in Warrant Article 60. But it's still important for you to know what's behind this article. That's because it has everything to do with *issues that affect us locally*, like funding for schools, healthcare costs, and climate change.

The Article 60 resolution is the first part of a larger nonpartisan plan to fight the influence of big money in politics on these and other issues that affect us all.

The resolution tells our state and federal elected officials that we want common-sense, anti-corruption measures, like making it illegal for politicians to take campaign donations from the industries they regulate.

Arlington residents sponsored this resolution because we know big money in politics blocks progress on our most serious problems. And we also know this...

Just asking for change isn't enough.

That's why we're supporting the plan of the organization behind Article 60 – Represent.Us.

Represent.Us is a movement that's building bottom-up momentum for national change by passing *state* anti-corruption laws.

Launched in 2012 and based in western Massachusetts, the group has about 60 chapters across the country.

Why work at the state level?

It's too hard for members of Congress to undo the system that funds their own elections. But we *can* make changes in our states. Over time, our successes will demonstrate that standing against systemic corruption is a winning platform. Each state win will help reform-minded candidates win federal elections and stand up for change in Congress. And that's how bottom-up pressure can fix our broken system.

Town anti-corruption resolutions across the state are setting the stage for an anti-corruption win here in Massachusetts.

Lexington, Concord, Stoneham, Acton, Rockport, Nahant, Leverett, South Hadley, and Whately have already passed resolutions. Soon more town meetings will vote on their versions, showing that voters are committed to the next part of the Represent.Us plan...

A 2018 Massachusetts citizens' ballot initiative, proposing legislation that will help make our state a model for anti-corruption/electoral reform.

As a local leader in Arlington, you can do a lot *now* to advance this citizens-led effort. Please consider using your skills and networks to help make it a success.

- Learn more about Represent.Us and the actions in our area: www.facebook.com/representusboston/
- Spread the word to your neighbors and friends.
- Support the citizens' ballot initiative when the signature drive starts this September!

Thank you for your good work to keep our town strong!

We're a few of the Arlington folks supporting this effort. We hope you'll join us!

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