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NOTICE REGARDING TOWN MEETING RACES

A list of Town Meeting Candidates will be updated daily on the Elections page. It shows the candidates who are not incumbents who have taken out nomination papers and the current Town Meeting Members who have filed their formal request to appear on the ballot as a candidate for re-election. Current Town Meeting Members who must be elected in 2022 need to file their intention to appear on the ballot as an incumbent by **Friday, February 4 at noon**. All candidates for any office must request nomination papers by **Wednesday, February 9 at 5 pm**.

Eleven precincts have new precinct boundaries and will elect 12 Town Meeting Members. The seats will be filled by vote order (see note at the end).

The chart identifies how many people previously elected as Town Meeting Members live in each of the new precincts. Members who have resigned their seats or moved out of the precinct are not included.

Precinct 5	vote for 12	11 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 7	vote for 12	12 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 8	vote for 12	8 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 9	vote for 12	9 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 10	vote for 12	15 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 11	vote for 12	12 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 13	vote for 12	12 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 15	vote for 12	13 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 16	vote for 12	10 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 17	vote for 12	11 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 18	vote for 12	12 served in 2021 Town Meeting

Ten precincts will elect 4 Town Meeting Members for three-year terms. Five of these precincts must also fill a vacancy and will elect 5 people. Following the change just approved to our Town Manager Act, vacancies will no longer be filled using a separate race on the ballot. Instead, the ballot will indicate how many votes may be cast and the seats will be filled by vote order (see note at the end).

Precinct 1	vote for 5	4 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 2	vote for 4	4 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 3	vote for 5	4 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 4	vote for 4	4 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 6	vote for 4	4 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 12	vote for 5	4 served in 2021 Town Meeting

Precinct 14	vote for 6	5 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 19	vote for 5	4 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 20	vote for 4	4 served in 2021 Town Meeting
Precinct 21	vote for 5	4 served in 2021 Town Meeting

Note: these lists are subject to change if resignations occur before the ballot is finalized on March 1st.

Filling seats by vote order

When precinct boundaries change, state law for many years has specified that the winners will be seated in the order of their vote totals: top four seated for three years, next four for two years and the final four seated for one year. This concept was the model for our new system for conducting town meeting elections.

With our new home rule legislation in place, all elections for Town Meeting will be conducted the same way. Every regular year, 4 seats in each precinct are up for election for three-year terms. The Town Clerk will identify vacancies to be filled and therefore the number of seats on the ballot for each precinct. All candidates from a precinct will be on the ballot and vacancies (if any) will be filled in the order of vote totals.

Current Town Meeting Members with seats up for election in 2022 were mailed a form that allows them to confirm they wish to run. They do not need to collect signatures. New candidates in these precincts will need nomination papers once they are available.

The Nomination Process

Town Meeting Members who are eligible to run this year by returning the confirmation form should return them to the Town Clerk before **Friday, February 4th at noon**. The forms have been mailed.

Town Meeting Members who are now living in a different precinct due to boundary line changes were notified by mail in early January. Nomination papers available on January 26th.

Deadline to request papers: **Wednesday, February 9 at 5 pm**

Deadline to return papers: **Friday, February 11 at 5 pm**

Residents who would like to run for Town Meeting in their precinct should ask the Town Clerk to confirm their new precinct. For now, the online search feature (Where Do I Vote) is using the old precinct information. Our office has spreadsheets provided by the state that we have been using to verify the changes due to reprecincting so we are confident we can issue the papers while still waiting for the online system to update.

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Candidate Statements

This year all candidates will receive a form with information on how to submit a brief statement. Statements submitted by the March 8 deadline will be included in a document published on the

Elections page. Candidates running a write-in campaign may submit statements by contacting the Town Clerk's Office.

The Town of Arlington does not review the statements for accuracy and does not endorse candidates for any office.