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NOTICE REGARDING TOWN MEETING RACES

A list of Town Meeting Candidates will be updated daily on the Elections page starting in January. 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 2024 need to file their intention to appear on the ballot as an incumbent by **Friday, February 9 at noon**. All candidates for any office must request nomination papers by **Wednesday, February 14 at 5 pm**.

Every precinct will elect 4 Town Meeting Members for three-year terms. Some precincts must also fill vacancies and will elect more people. Vacancies are filled by vote order (see note at the end). Sometimes people resign at the end of their term because they move out of the precinct. The third column indicates the possible number of 2023 members who could run again in each precinct.

Precinct 1	vote for 4	4 served in 2023 Town Meeting	
Precinct 2	vote for 4	4 served in 2023 Town Meeting	
Precinct 3	vote for 4	4 served in 2023 Town Meeting	
Precinct 4	vote for 4	4 served in 2023 Town Meeting	
Precinct 5	vote for 4	3 served in 2023 Town Meeting	
Precinct 6	vote for 7	3 served in 2023 Town Meeting	1-yr term, 2 2-yr, 4 3-yr
Precinct 7	vote for 4	3 served in 2023 Town Meeting	
Precinct 8	vote for 5	4 served in 2023 Town Meeting	2-yr term
Precinct 9	vote for 4	4 served in 2023 Town Meeting	
Precinct 10	vote for 5	3 served in 2023 Town Meeting	2-yr term
Precinct 11	vote for 4	2 served in 2023 Town Meeting	
Precinct 12	vote for 4	4 served in 2023 Town Meeting	
Precinct 13	vote for 4	4 served in 2023 Town Meeting	
Precinct 14	vote for 4	3 served in 2023 Town Meeting	
Precinct 15	vote for 4	4 served in 2023 Town Meeting	
Precinct 16	vote for 4	4 served in 2023 Town Meeting	
Precinct 17	vote for 4	3 served in 2023 Town Meeting	
Precinct 18	vote for 4	4 served in 2023 Town Meeting	
Precinct 19	vote for 4	3 served in 2023 Town Meeting	
Precinct 20	vote for 5	3 served in 2023 Town Meeting	2-yr term
Precinct 21	vote for 5	3 served in 2023 Town Meeting	1-yr term

Note: these lists are subject to change if resignations occur before the ballot is finalized on March 5th.

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 system of conducting town meeting elections.

Every 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.

The Nomination Process

Current Town Meeting Members with seats up for election in 2024 will be mailed a form that allows them to confirm they wish to run. If they were elected, they do not need to collect signatures. New candidates in these precincts will need nomination papers once they are available.

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 9 at noon.**

Residents who would like to run for Town Meeting may come to the Town Clerk's Office to request nomination papers before the first deadline and then return them by the final deadline. If a candidate would like to designate someone else to pick up the forms on their behalf, they need to contact the Town Clerk in advance.

Deadline to request papers: **Wednesday, February 14 at 5 pm**

Deadline to return papers: **Friday, February 16 at 5 pm**

Candidate Statements

All Town Meeting candidates will receive a form with information on how to submit a brief statement. Statements submitted by the March 12 deadline at 5 pm 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.