



## Office of the Town Clerk

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**CERTIFICATE OF VOTE**

**Amendment to the Town Charter, Section 3-11 Housing Authority  
 Housing Authority Tenant Board Member**

**ARTICLE 17, Fall Annual Town Meeting Monday, October 18, 2021**

**QUESTION 1, April 5, 2022 Annual Town Election**

I, Patricia E. Dzuris, Town Clerk of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, do hereby certify the following vote taken under Article 17 at the Fall Annual Town Meeting on Monday, October 18, 2021, held at the Chelmsford Senior Center, 75 Groton Road, Chelmsford, MA 01863. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Moderator Jon H. Kurland. There were 115 members present which satisfied a quorum requirement of 82. This filing is made pursuant to Chapter 43B section 12.

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 43B, Section 10 and Section 7-1 of the Town Charter, to amend the Town Charter, Part III, Section 3-11 Housing Authority, by amending the text in the paragraph (a) as follows:

- (a) Composition, Term of Office. There shall be a housing authority composed of five members serving terms of five years each, so arranged that the term of one member expires each year. ~~Four~~ Three members shall be elected by the voters, the fourth member shall be a Town Appointed Tenant Board Member in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 121B of the Massachusetts General Laws, and the fifth member shall be appointed by the Secretary of Communities and Development of the Commonwealth.

; or act in relation thereto.

**SUBMITTED BY: Town Manager**  
*Two-Thirds Vote*

**MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 17.** I move that the Town, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 43B, Section 10 and Section 7-1 of the Town Charter, amend the Town Charter, Part III, Section 3-11 Housing Authority, by amending the text in the paragraph (a) as follows:

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**SUBMITTED BY: Town Manager**  
*Two-Thirds Vote*

**Recommendations:**

Finance Committee: Unanimously recommends approval of Article 17.

Select Board: Unanimously recommends approval of Article 17.

The electronic voting devices registered the following votes:

**YES: 102    NO: 2    Abstentions: 3**

MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 17: Carries by two-thirds vote.

The Office of the Attorney General approved the article on January 20, 2022 and notice was posted on January 24, 2022. The Charter amendment was placed on the April 5, 2022 Annual Town Election ballot as Question 1 and passed by a vote of 2133 in favor out of 3158 ballots cast. The revised section of the Charter shall read as follows:

**Section 3-11 Housing Authority.**

- (a) **Composition, Term of Office.** There shall be a housing authority composed of five members serving terms of five years each, so arranged that the term of one member expires each year. Three members shall be elected by the voters, the fourth member shall be a Town Appointed Tenant Board Member in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 121B of the Massachusetts General Laws, and the fifth member shall be appointed by the Secretary of Communities and Development of the Commonwealth.
- (b) **Powers and Duties.** The housing authority shall make studies of the housing needs of the town and shall provide programs for housing. The authority shall have all the powers and duties given to housing authorities under the laws of the commonwealth.



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