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CERTIFICATE OF VOTE

**Amendment to the Town Charter Section 2-3 Town Meeting Membership
 Town Meeting Member Candidates for Re-election**

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

QUESTION 2, April 5, 2022 Annual Town Election

I, Patricia E. Dzuris, Town Clerk of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, do hereby certify the following vote taken under Article 18 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 18. 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 II, Section 2-3(c) relative to Town Meeting Membership, by inserting the underlined text as follows:

- (c) Candidates for Re-election. Elected incumbent town meeting members may seek re-election within their current precincts by notifying the Town Clerk's office of their intent to do so by using the appropriate forms supplied by the Town Clerk.
 ; or act in relation thereto.

**SUBMITTED BY: Board of Registrars
*Two-Thirds Vote***

MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 18. 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 II, Section 2-3(c) relative to Town Meeting Membership, by inserting the underlined text as follows:

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Recommendations:

Finance Committee: Unanimously recommends approval of Article 18.

Select Board: Unanimously recommends approval of Article 18.

The electronic voting devices registered the following votes:

YES: 109 NO: 4 Abstentions: 0

MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 18: 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 2 and passed by a vote of 2074 in favor out of 3158 ballots cast. The revised section of the Charter shall read as follows:

Section 2-3 Town Meeting Membership.

- (a) Eligibility. Any voter shall be eligible to be a candidate, to be elected, and to serve as a town meeting member.
- (b) Nomination Procedures. Nomination of candidates for town meeting member shall be made by nomination papers signed by not less than twenty-five voters of the precinct in which the candidate resides and from which the candidate seeks election. Nomination papers shall be filed with the town clerk at least thirty-five days preceding the date of the town election. Every nomination paper shall be submitted to the registrars of voters for certification of names thereon on or before five o'clock in the afternoon of the fourteenth day preceding the day on which it shall be filed with the town clerk. The written acceptance of the candidate shall be on or attached to the nomination papers when filed in order for it to be valid.
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