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CERTIFICATE OF VOTE
ARTICLE 23: Charter Amendment
Amend the Town Charter, Part II, Legislative Branch/Representative
Town Meeting, Section 2-3 Town Meeting Membership
2023 Fall Annual Town Meeting
Second Session – Thursday, October 19, 2023

I, Patricia E. Dzuris, Town Clerk of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, do hereby certify the following vote taken under Article 23 at the second session of the 2023 Fall Annual Town Meeting on Thursday, October 19, 2023, 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 114 Town Meeting Representatives present which satisfied the quorum requirement of 83 Representatives.

ARTICLE 23. 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, Legislative Branch/Representative Town Meeting, Section 2-3 Town Meeting Membership, by amending the text in paragraph (b) as follows:

- (b) Nomination Procedures. Nomination of candidates for town meeting member shall be made by nomination papers signed by not less than ~~twenty-five~~ **ten** 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; or act in relation thereto.

SUBMITTED BY: Town Clerk
Two-Thirds Vote

MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 23. 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, Legislative Branch/Representative Town Meeting, Section 2-3 Town Meeting Membership, by amending the text in paragraph (b) as follows:

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Recommendations:

Finance Committee: Unanimously recommends approval of Article 23.

Select Board: Unanimously recommends approval of Article 23.

The electronic voting devices registered the following votes:

YES: 101 NO: 11 Abstentions: 1

MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 23: Carries by two-thirds vote.

The Town Moderator adjourned the 2023 Fall Annual Town Meeting at 10:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia E. Dzuris, Town Clerk