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## **Brookline PAX Recommendations** **Annual Town Meeting, May 21, 2019**

(Unless otherwise stated or amplified, articles are self-explanatory.)

### **Art. 8, Increase property tax exemptions ▶ ▶ FAVORABLE ACTION**

**Art. 9, Special Appropriation 67. Resolution to move forward with a 4-section Driscoll School** ▶ ▶ **NO RECOMMENDATION** – The PAX board was unable to review the proposed resolution, but urges rapid action by the Select Board and School Committee to put an end to our school overcrowding.

**Art 9, Special Appropriation 69. Amendment to require the Pierce School design/schematic to be fossil fuel free, to the extent practicable** ▶ ▶ **NO RECOMMENDATION** – The PAX board was unable to review the proposed amendment, but agrees in principle with the amendment's stated intent.

**Art. 13, Establish a Waldo-Durgin Overlay District** ▶ ▶ **FAVORABLE ACTION:** The Committee proposing this worked hard and presents a practical plan for this site.

**Art 16, Establish a Parking Benefits District in Brookline Village** ▶ ▶ **FAVORABLE ACTION** - This pilot program is thoughtful & worthy.

**Art. 17, Add a Diversity Commission member to Naming Committee** ▶ ▶ **FAVORABLE ACTION** - We are chagrined that the Advisory Committee majority yet again is likely out of step with Town Meeting -- and the town. Vote NO on the AC's motion to refer, and **FAVORABLE ACTION** on the **main motion**.

**Art 19, Ban sale of flavored tobacco products** ▶ ▶ **FAVORABLE ACTION**

**Art 20, Public access to menstrual hygiene products** ▶ ▶ **FAVORABLE ACTION**

**Art 21, Amend marijuana licensing bylaw as to Host Community Agreements ▶ ▶ FAVORABLE ACTION**

**Art 22, Resolution for pedestrian friendly street lighting ▶ ▶ FAVORABLE ACTION**

**Art 23, Resolution regarding electrification of the Town's motorized fleet ▶ ▶ FAVORABLE ACTION**

**Art 24, Resolution regarding increasing electricity from renewable sources ▶ ▶ FAVORABLE ACTION**

**Art 26, Resolution for a race & equity review consultant ▶ ▶ FAVORABLE ACTION**

**Art 27, Resolution calling for an apology to Gerald Alston ▶ ▶ NO RECOMMENDATION** - Like our successful 2014 TM amendment making the Diversity Commission staff leader a "department head," PAX & its Board members have worked for decades to address issues of racial injustice, which are tragically endemic. However, we are constrained to make no recommendation on Article 27, due to conflicts of interest. Numerous PAX board members are involved, in various capacities and in some cases with personal liability, in the federal lawsuit. None are able to discuss the litigation, or its implications as to Article 27 (e.g. Town Counsel's memorandum in the Combined Reports, page 27-5).

**Art 28, Resolution in support of studying the Massachusetts seal and motto ▶ ▶ FAVORABLE ACTION** – Vote **NO ACTION** on the Advisory Committee substitute motion and **FAVORABLE ACTION** on the Petitioner's motion.

**Art. 29, Resolution to encourage diversity among Town Meeting Members** ▶ ▶ FAVORABLE ACTION

**Art. 30, Resolution to study siting an outdoor swimming pool** ▶ ▶ FAVORABLE ACTION

