

**TOWN OF CONCORD
TOWN HOUSE
CONCORD, MA 01742**

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LOCAL 01742**

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017

7:30 PM

**CONCORD-CARLISLE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
500 WALDEN STREET**

**ADJOURNED SESSION/SNOW DATE IF NECESSARY
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017**

**JOINT PUBLIC HEARING
FINANCE COMMITTEE & SELECT BOARD**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2017 AT 7:00 PM
TOWN HOUSE – HEARING ROOM**

CANCELLATION INFORMATION

IN CASE OF SNOW VISIT THE TOWN'S WEBSITE AT www.concordma.gov OR
CALL 978 318-3006.

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, April 25, 2017**

Middlesex, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Concord, in said County,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify the legal voters of said Town of Concord, qualified to vote at Town Meeting for the transaction of Town affairs, to meet at the Concord-Carlisle Regional High School at 500 Walden Street, in said town, on Tuesday, the twenty-fifth day of April, 2017, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, by posting a printed copy of this Warrant by you attested, at the Town House and in at least one public location in each precinct in Concord, and by mailing a copy thereof to every household fourteen days, at least, before said 25th of April, 2017, then and there to act upon the following Articles:

BY PETITION CONCORD A WELCOMING COMMUNITY

ARTICLE 1. To determine whether the Town will vote to urge the Select Board to adopt the following formal policies and procedures relative to immigrants who work or live in Concord as well as those who come here to visit, or take any other action relative thereto. These policies are generally consistent with those adopted by the Concord Police Department.

Proposed Policies

1. No employee of Concord shall inquire about the immigration status of an individual, including a crime victim, a witness, or a person who calls or approaches the police, or any other member of the public with whom the employee has contact, unless necessary to investigate criminal activity by that individual.
2. No police officer of Concord shall arrest, detain, or continue to detain a person based solely on the belief that the person is not present legally in the United States or that the person has committed a civil immigration violation.
3. No police officer of Concord shall arrest, detain, or continue to detain a person based on an immigration detainer, federal administrative warrant, or any other such order or request in any form whatsoever, unless such detainer or warrant is accompanied by a judicial warrant, and where: a) there is probable cause to believe that the individual has illegally re-entered the country after a previous removal; and b) the individual has been convicted at any time of a violent felony, terrorism-related offense, trafficking in individuals or drugs, or participation in a criminal organization using violence.
4. No police officer or employee of Concord shall respond to any ICE notification request by providing any federal agent or agency information about an individual's incarceration status, hearing information, length of detention, home address, or personal information, but may provide information regarding citizenship or immigration status.
5. No police officer or employee of Concord shall perform the functions of an immigration officer, nor shall any department of the Town of Concord use Town funds, resources, facilities, property, equipment or personnel to assist in the enforcement of federal civil immigration laws. Nothing in this section shall prevent an officer, employee or department from lawfully discharging duties in compliance with and in response to a lawfully issued judicial warrant, judicial subpoena, or judicial detainer.

Petitioner's Explanation: Concord has long held diversity as a community value. The Town, including its schools and police department, has long been committed to upholding and protecting the civil and human rights and the life, safety, and security, of all individuals, regardless of race, sex, sexual preference, religion, ethnicity or national origin. Consistent with this commitment, this proposed resolution, if adopted, will formalize, and extend, existing policies, thereby ensuring that all immigrants are able to fully participate in the civic and economic life of our Town. We believe this will lead to a safer community, a better educated citizenry, and improved quality life for all those who live, work, and visit our Town.

ADOPT MGL CHAPTER 40, SECTION 8J CREATING A COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

ARTICLE 2. To determine whether the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law chapter 40, section 8J creating a Commission on Disability, or take any other action relative thereto.

Adoption of Section 8J of Chapter 40 will allow the Select Board to establish a Commission on Disability consisting of five members that will (1) research local problems of people with disabilities; (2) advise and assist municipal officials and employees in ensuring compliance with state and federal laws and regulations that affect people with disabilities; (3) coordinate or carry out programs designed to meet the problems of people with disabilities in coordination with programs of the Massachusetts Office on Disability; (4) review and make recommendations about policies, procedures, services, activities and facilities of departments, boards and agencies of the town as they affect people with disabilities; (5) provide information, referrals, guidance and technical assistance to individuals, public agencies, businesses and organizations in all matters pertaining to disability; and (6) coordinate activities of other local groups organized for similar purposes.

FUNDING FOR TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS

ARTICLE 3. To determine whether the Town will vote to transfer from funds available in the treasury the sum of \$1,500,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager for the purpose of modernizing the town’s computer services including software, hardware, training and related services for program enhancements in financial services, billing, general ledger, license and permit tracking, email, document management and other computerized municipal services, or take any other action relative thereto.

This article will provide funding for the Town to undertake several major technology improvement projects which will be implemented over several years. These projects require significant investment in software and implementation that exceed the resources available within the operating budget’s Technology Fund. The first project will enable electronic permits, licensing and automation related to applications and renewal processing. Projects selected for this program support multiple departments and focus on integration and improving services.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of said meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 27th day of March in the year two thousand-seventeen.

Michael Lawson

Jane Hotchkiss

Alice Kaufman

Thomas Mckean

Steven Ng

SELECT BOARD

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, ss.

Concord _____
Date

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the legal voters of the Town of Concord to meet at the times and places and for the purposes within named as directed.

Constable of Concord

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

THE DEADLINE FOR UNREGISTERED RESIDENTS TO REGISTER TO VOTE AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING IS:

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017

IN ADDITION TO REGULAR OFFICE HOURS, A SPECIAL EVENING REGISTRATION SESSION WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017 UNTIL 8:00 PM AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE, 22 MONUMENT SQUARE FOR RESIDENTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY NOT REGISTERED VOTERS IN CONCORD.

Voter registration may be done online, by mail or in person.

For online registration or to download a mail-in registration form, visit the Town's Web Site (www.concordma.gov – click "Elections & Voting") or call the Town Clerk's office and ask that a form be mailed.

For in-person registration, visit the Town Clerk's office at the Town House
22 Monument Square – 978-318-3080
Mondays-Fridays, 8:30 am-4:30 pm