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**VOTE/SURVEILLANCE STUDY GROUP**

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I expect the proponent of this article to present further details about the rationale for creating the anticipated study group and the potential scope of its work. My understanding is that the proponent is among a number of residents with concerns about the use of surveillance technology to monitor and record people in public spaces among other things. To my knowledge the proposed study group's mission would not be to focus exclusively on Arlington law enforcement. However, it should be noted that both neighboring and wider national conversations about police use of surveillance technology are likely to be germane.

In my opinion, a study group is advisable before any specific proposals are made in the form of bylaws or resolutions. Among the many matters a study group would be able to consider are: the intersection of individual privacy rights with private property rights, drone technology and air rights, the extent to which criminal procedure, state, and federal laws provide sufficient bases to address Fourth Amendment concerns, and of course, the feasibility of any proposed action within Arlington's form of government and the Manager Act. I note my appreciation for the proponent's thoughtful engagement of the Legal Office and other Town officials in developing this article.

**ARTICLE**

**ACCEPTANCE OF LEGISLATION/SENIOR PROPERTY TAX  
WORK OFF PROGRAM**

**To see if the town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59 Section 5K, in order to authorize Arlington to establish a program to allow residents age 60 and over to volunteer to provide services in exchange for a reduction in the real property tax obligations on the resident's tax bills, which reduction shall be in addition to any exemption or abatement to which that person is otherwise entitled; or take any action related thereto.**