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Ellen O'Brien Cushman, via email: TownClerk@belmont-ma.gov
Town Clerk, Town of Belmont

Re: Amendment to March 4, 2026, Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles 2 and 3

Dear Ms. Cushman,

By this letter, I submit two amendments pursuant to the Moderator's Town Meeting Simplified Procedures Guide and past amendment policy. Specifically, my submission relates to the Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles 2 and 3, which respectively propose to add new Sections 10 (captioned "Belmont Center Overlay District") and 10A (captioned "Center Gateway Overlay District") to the Belmont Zoning By-Law. Please confirm by email that you have received this submission.

This submission includes the two separate motions identified below. Each proposed change is submitted as a separate motion, and I request that the Moderator instruct Town Meeting to vote on each motion separately:

Motions to Amend Articles:

1. Moved: that Sections 10.1 through 10.8 of the proposed Section 10, as set forth in the Special Town Meeting Warrant Article 2, be amended as follows:

Delete Sections 10.1 through 10.8 and replace them with the word "(Reserved)".

Purpose of this Amendment: Section 10 as set forth in Warrant Article 1 has errors, lacks needed definitions, fails to identify definitions consistently, provides inadequate parking, refers to zoning regulations that do not exist and are yet to come, and violates the General Bylaws. The proposed amendment needs to be carefully reviewed and corrected before submitting it to Town Meeting. Using the word "Reserved" serves as a placeholder until a corrected version can be developed.

2. Moved: that sections of the proposed Section 10A to the Belmont Zoning By-Law, as set forth in the Special Town Meeting Warrant Article 3, be amended as follows:

Delete Sections 10A.1 through 10A.5 and replace them with the word "(Reserved)".

Purpose of this Amendment: Section 10A as set forth in Warrant Article 3 has errors, lacks definitions, fails to identify definitions consistently, refers to zoning regulations that

do not exist and are yet to come, and because it incorporates various sections of the proposed Section 10, which have errors and inadequacies, it repeats those errors and inadequacies. The proposed Section 10A needs to be carefully reviewed and corrected before submitting it to Town Meeting. Using the word “Reserved” serves as a placeholder until a corrected version can be developed.

Sincerely,

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