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PETITION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

To the Honorable Town Council of the Town of Bristol: The undersigned hereby respectfully requested of your Honorable Body that:



The Friends of Linden Place requests an affirmative vote by the Town Council on the following as required by our bylaws:

As part of a routine update to their by-laws, The Friends of Linden Place proposes updating the relationship between the three appointed positions (one each from Bristol Art Museum, Bristol Historical and Preservation Society, and Bristol Town Council) and the Linden Place Board of Directors such that the appointees serve as Members of the Corporation and Advisors to the Board of the Directors, but not as full members of the Board of Directors.

These changes reflect the relationship between the three organizations and Linden Place's desire to maintain a strong working relationship going forward, while also recognizing the burden placed on the appointees when serving as full members of the Linden Place Board. In addition, the changes address concerns about Board members financial participation and term limits that can negatively impact Linden Place's ability to secure grant funding from larger sources.

Per our current by-laws, The Friends of Linden Place requires a concurrent and supporting vote at the Friends of Linden Place annual meeting in November from each of the sending organizations in order to make these changes and is hereby requesting your support of this update. Your written concurrence is requested by 31 October.

Below is the proposed revised language as it would appear in the Friends of Linden Place by-laws should the changes be approved:

Article V, Section 3:

Advisors to the Board of Directors. In addition to the Directors elected as stipulated in these By-laws, three (3) additional Advisors may be selected, one Advisor each, by the following: The Town Council of the Town of Bristol; the President of the Board of Directors of the Bristol Art Museum; and the President of the Bristol Historical and Preservation Society. These Advisors shall serve at the discretion of the appointing authority and their rights to serve shall not be terminated for any of these groups without a concurrent and supporting vote of the body involved provided, however, that said body remain in existence. These Advisors shall serve as advisors to the members of the Board of Directors and have voting rights of the Members of the Corporation except where stipulated in these By-Laws.

PLEASE NOTE:

Please ensure that your petition is submitted by 4:00 PM, two (2) Wednesdays before the Town Council meeting scheduled for

in order to be included on the docket. According to Council policy, petitions cannot be addressed unless recommendations, if needed, from the relevant departments are received before the Council meeting

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