

TOWN OF SAUGUS

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To the Constable of the Town of Saugus

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Saugus, qualified to vote in Town affairs for the Special Town Meeting at the Saugus Town Hall located at 298 Central Street on June 24, 2019 at 7:30 PM to hear and act on the following articles: viz;

Article 1. To hear and act on reports of Committees.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote on “A Resolution Opposing the Privatization of Saugus School Maintenance and Custodians”.

Whereas the Representatives in Town Meeting, here assembled, are the appropriating body in Saugus Town Government and are ultimately responsible for the expenditures of tax payers monies;

Whereas eliminating the current custodial positions and replacing them with a private company would make our schools more susceptible to theft, reduce the quality of services delivered to our students, and replace loyal, hardworking, and dedicated employees with transient workers being paid at the poverty level;

Whereas seventeen of the aforementioned custodians, currently working in Saugus public Schools, are residents of the town of Saugus and the average term of service of the custodial staff is equal to or greater than 17 years and;

Whereas there is overwhelming public support for the custodians from parents, community leaders, school personnel, taxpayers, and residents; now therefore, be it

Resolved, the Representatives in Town Meeting, here assembled, encourage the members of the Saugus School Committee to reject the idea of privatization of the custodial services in Saugus Public Schools and negotiate with our custodial staff with a fair contract that is the best interest of the students and taxpayers of Saugus. (Corinne Riley, 7 Oceanview Avenue)

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to add a new section 214.00 to the Town of Saugus Bylaws in subcategory 200 of “Government of Town Meeting” that will be titled “Resolutions”.

Any Town Meeting member may propose a non-binding resolution, with 48 hours written or electronic notice to the Town Clerk not counting weekends and holidays. The Saugus Town Clerk will promptly notify the Moderator upon receipt of said resolution and forward said resolution to Town Meeting Members.

Resolutions may not seek to appropriate funds, propose zoning or general bylaw changes or have any binding effect on the operation of town government.

Resolutions will not be considered as actions of the Town Meeting as defined by MGL CH. 39 S10 but rather statements of opinion in accordance with past practice. Resolutions will be acted upon during the next Town Meeting or within Town Meeting that is temporarily adjourned, whichever comes first. A majority vote of the quorum will be required to adopt a resolution. (Corinne Riley, 7 Oceanview Avenue)