

## Warrant Article 32 – Calling for an end to the US’s embargo of Cuba

### Report of Capital Subcommittee

**Recommendation:** No Recommendation, by a vote of 6-0 with no abstentions and no absence.

<b>Executive Summary:</b>	This Warrant Article 32 resolves to urge immediate restoration of engagement with Cuba, active pursuit of collaboration and to strongly urge the MA senators and our Representative to the US House to introduce and pass legislation lifting travel restrictions.
<b>Voting Yes will...</b>	Resolve to urge immediate restoration of engagement with Cuba, encourage collaboration between Brookline institutions and their Cuban counterparts, and strongly urge our Senators and representative to the U.S. House to propose and pass legislation to lift travel restrictions on US citizens to Cuba and Cuban citizens to the U.S..
<b>Voting No will...</b>	Town Meeting would not encourage restoration of engagement with Cuba and urge Federal legislation.
<b>Financial impact</b>	None identified.
<b>Legal implications</b>	None identified.

### Introduction and Discussion.

Warrant Article 32 asks Town Meeting to reaffirm Warrant Article 20 that was passed (voting result unknown) at the Spring 2016 Town Meeting. The Spring 2016 WA20 resolved to support ending the United States’ economic, commercial and financial embargo against Cuba and urged respect for Cuba’s sovereignty. The petitioner believes the prior resolution should be reaffirmed because Jake Auchincloss was not our Representative in the U.S. House at the time WA20 was passed.

### Meeting Recording

Initial public hearing:

### Evaluation Methodology/Research

- n/a

### Recommendation

Because this warrant article is a resolution and has no financial nor operating implications for the Town, the Capital subcommittee voted 6-0-0 to not make a recommendation. Furthermore, the members of the Subcommittee agreed to urge the full Advisory Committee to consider the same approach. Voting Yes: Carla Benka, Carol Levin, Harry Friedman, John Doggett, Pam Lodish, and Alok Somani.