

ARTICLE 20

**COMMISSION FOR DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND
COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

On May 10, 2023 the Commission voted unanimously (9-0-0) in favor of Warrant Article 20. Voting in favor were Jessica Chicco, Alessia Contu, Spencer Holt, Jacob Jaffe, Ihssane Leckey, Bishnu Tamang, Carlos Tamayo, Kea van der Ziel, Chi Chi Wu.

In the wake of the US Supreme Court decision in Dobbs v Jackson Health Organization, it has become necessary to protect the right to reproductive and gender-affirming care. This proposed new by-law seeks to add Brookline to the list of communities in Massachusetts which have voted to put themselves in alignment with State legislation regarding providing a “safe haven” for those who seek reproductive health care and/or gender-affirming care, and for those who are providing these services, including consequences for violating this proposed by-law. The Commission is fully supportive of these goals.