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1 Town Meeting crucial for community engagement

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3 TEXT BODY:

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4 The Feb. 10 panel regarding Representative Town
5 Meeting and alternatives exemplified the benefits of coming
6 together for an open, frank discussion, providing a forum for
7 community members to inform and be informed, to listen and to
8 learn. And yes, I heard new viewpoints and learned from them.

9 As our current government relies on sound bites and
10 polarization, dividing us for the purpose of creating discord and
11 misunderstanding, I believe it is crucial that we maintain all

12 opportunities for civil discourse, community engagement, and
13 efforts toward collaboration and understanding.

14 Therefore I support the continuation of Representative
15 Town Meeting or, as an alternative, open Town Meeting.

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