

Arlington County Civic Federation

Presentation on Arlington Governance Topics May 18, 2023

- Delegate Patrick Hope
- Registrar Gretchen Reinemeyer
- Congressman Don Beyer

May 18: 6:30 to 7:50 at Central Library and Zoom. This will be a public and in person presentation relating to Arlington governance issues at three levels of government including state determination of Arlington Board powers compared to other jurisdictions and ranked choice voting at the local and national level.



Delegate Patrick Hope will discuss a thorough examination done by House of Delegates legislative staff comparing Arlington County Board's powers with those of all other jurisdictions in Virginia. He will present on the various differences and distinctions and discuss potential updates. This review started in part because the TiGER recommendations require the State to "give" the CB the authority, as an example, to have candidates run in the same year and to change the size of the board.



Director of Elections Gretchen Reinemeyer will reprise much of the information she provided on April 17 on how Arlington rank choice voting will work for the June 20 Arlington Democratic primary for selecting County Board candidates.



Our **Congressman, Don Beyer**, will join us to talk about his proposed national legislation related to rank choice voting. For several years, he has proposed sweeping national legislation which would lead to multi-member Congressional districts, elected by ranked choice voting – he's expressed the expectation that this would lead to a less polarized Congress, with representatives more responsive to the center of their constituencies, and more ability for minorities to put their champions into the Congress.

No registration is required to attend in person at Central Library. Registration is required for virtual Zoom participation. Register at

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