

**RESOLUTION: A RESOLUTION REGARDING ARLINGTON'S FORM OF
GOVERNMENT [FoG] REVIEW****DRAFT 1: 10 MAR 2026**

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Whereas Arlington County pioneered the council-manager form of government one hundred years ago – a model that reduced corruption and patronage and was subsequently adopted across the country and around the world;

Whereas despite Arlington's strong record of professional governance, the ACCF supports targeted updates to Arlington's elections and governance structures, as outlined in our TIGER resolutions;

Whereas the Arlington County Board has begun preparations for a possible commission to review and improve our form of government (FOG);

Whereas the County Board has undertaken recent reforms including adjustments to Board member compensation and the adoption of ranked choice voting;

Whereas Representatives Beyer and Raskin have identified multi-seat ranked choice voting as among the most promising electoral reforms available to strengthen American democracy;

Whereas the ACCF opposes any move toward geographic or district-based representation that would undermine the role of the Arlington County Civic Federation and its member civic associations, or that would come at the expense of advancing multi-seat RCV reform;

Whereas numerous former County Board members have gone on record supporting a collaborative, co-equal review process between the County Board and the School Board;

Be it resolved that the ACCF reaffirms its support Arlington County form of government review, subject to the following conditions:

1. The CB suggests, but not mandates, that FOG build upon the County Board's recent reforms and the ACCF's TIGER recommendations.
2. The FOG is structured as a **joint task force with Arlington Public Schools**, examining the elections, governance, and structure of both bodies.
3. The FOG mandate prioritizes reforms that can improve representation across ethnic, racial, religious, occupational, economic, generational, gender, and ideological lines.
4. The ACCF holds explicit representation on the FOG.
5. The FOG mandate is guided by these core goals – **to improve**:
 - A. The quality of elected officials' representation and policymaking;
 - B. Citizen engagement and voter participation;
 - C. The responsiveness of government to the full diversity of our community;
 - D. The quality and diversity of candidates and campaigns; and
 - E. Arlington's ability to influence regional and state policy.