

Arlington, MA Leaf Blower Ban

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This is unconscionable. Arlington, MA passed a measure that will ban leaf blowers during the summer months. It is so unpopular that a group of citizens gathered a sufficient number of signatures to force a popular election to overturn the rule. Last night it missed the required 20% of the voting electorate by 241 votes, so at least for now, the measure stands.

What the vote shows is that 5539 votes were cast against the ban and only 2619 were in favor. Those voting against outnumbered those in favor by a margin of nearly 2 to 1.

What is going on with our system of law making? This law is pure politics, supported by influential special interest groups with little regard for what is wanted or needed by the community. How can we continue to let this happen?

To prevent this sort of thing from happening in your city, take an active part early on, when public input is requested. Get your local news organizations to air your discontent and explain to your neighbors why a ban is unwarranted and unnecessary.

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