

How to Bring FAIRNESS to RESTON



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Questions

1. Why do residents in Vienna and Herndon have control of planning, zoning and density while those in Reston do not?
2. Why do neighbors in Vienna and Herndon get to deduct expenses for local services as taxes but residents in Reston who pay homeowner fees for these same services cannot?
3. Why does the Reston Association employ a regressive system for collecting fees which falls heaviest on the least able to pay?
4. Why do property owners in Reston have twice the voting power as renters?
5. Why do businesses pay NOTHING into Reston Association?

Answers

1. Because Reston is a sub-entity within Fairfax County unlike Vienna and Herndon which are towns.
2. Because Vienna and Herndon are run as towns with taxing authority but much of Reston is run by a homeowners' association which collects non-deductible fees.
- 3 & 4. These are good questions all Reston residents should be seeking answers to.
5. Because this is how Reston was first set up to encourage commercial development but this system is no longer fair to residents.

What YOU Can DO!

1. Sign the petition to have a referendum on Reston self-governance. There is an online option at <http://gopetition.com> (search for "RCA Reston").
2. Vote for candidates in local elections – RA, RCC, Hunter Mill Supervisor, State Delegate and Senator - who support town status.
3. Write your Fairfax Co. Supervisors, State Delegate and Senator relaying your support for self government.
4. Volunteer to help get petitions signed, distribute flyers, print campaign materials, etc. or donate money to cover these expenses (online option available) by calling 703-786-3672, emailing RCA-InfoLine@comcast.net or going to <http://go-resTOWN.org/volunteers.htm>

Imagine RESTON as a Town...

1. As a self-governing body, the Town of Reston would have control of its planning, zoning and density along with many other aspects of life.
2. In a town setup, fees for local services would be levied as taxes (not homeowners' fees) and would therefore be deductible on State and Federal tax returns, saving money for most residents.
3. As a recognized governing entity, Reston would have a voice in regional, state and federal matters affecting its residents, which it now lacks due to not having a recognized governing body.
4. As residents of a town, all Restonians would have an equal vote.
5. As a town, all people within Reston's boundaries would be united under the same governing body, unlike the present setup which divides Reston into 3 separate sections – the area under Reston Association, Reston Town Center and the commercial corridor along Rt. 267.
6. Under a town, all local services would be combined under one entity, eliminating the confusion and duplication now present under Reston Community Center, Reston Association and Fairfax County.
7. Taxes levied by town governments are inherently progressive, being based on property values.

Get more details on Reston Citizens Association's plan for self-governance with financial analyses at:
<http://go-resTOWN.org/governance>