



HOW DID WE GET HERE?

On April 13th, 2021, by a vote of 2690 to 709, Village voters passed an advisory vote directing the Village Trustees to create a new Charter for an independent City of Essex Junction.



WHAT IS THE VILLAGE VOTING ON?

We will vote a YES or NO to the separation of the Village of Essex Junction from the Town of Essex and to form the independent City of Essex Junction.



WHAT ARE THE VILLAGE TRUSTEES DOING TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON THE WILL OF THE VOTERS?

Currently, the Trustees are working together to write a new charter for an independent City of Essex Junction.

All Trustee meetings offer the public an opportunity to weigh in on the Charter.

WHEN ARE WE VOTING?

Tuesday,
November 2nd,
2021



HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE IN THE CHARTER PROCESS?

1. Attend the Trustees meetings and work sessions. They are open to the public. Learn more about the Charter and timeline by visiting www.essexjunction.org/independence.
2. Contact the Trustees with your questions. They want to hear from residents, no matter where you currently stand on the issue of separation. <https://www.essexjunction.org/boards/board-of-trustees>



WHAT IS OUR VILLAGE, OUR VOICES?

Our Village, Our Voices is a resident-led initiative to build awareness among Essex Junction residents about the upcoming vote on separation.

WE ARE A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROJECT WITH THREE GOALS:

1. Listen to Village Residents for ideas, concerns, and questions for the Trustees to respond and to help shape the new charter.
2. Educate and Inform Essex Junction residents about the facts related to the upcoming separation vote.
3. Get Out the Vote by ensuring a high number of registered voters cast a ballot on the article on separation from the Town of Essex and the creation of the City of Essex Junction.

HOW CAN I SHARE MY THOUGHTS & CONCERNS ABOUT SEPARATION?

There are lots of ways Village residents can share their opinions:

- Contact us via our website: <https://www.ourvillageourvoices.org>
- Participate in surveys online or at events.
- Talk to Our Village, Our Voices volunteers – visit our events page!
- Reach out on social media.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EJVoices>

Instagram: [@ovov.vt](https://www.instagram.com/ovov.vt)

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR VILLAGE, OUR VOICES & WHAT THEY'RE UP TO?

Learn more about who we are at our website: www.ourvillageourvoices.org.

Our steering committee members are listed with their contact information. Our Village, Our Voices is planning many activities over the course of the summer that will offer opportunities to engage in discussion about separation.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

If you're interested in helping get the word out to Village residents about separation, participating in upcoming events and/or neighborhood outreach, visit our website:

<https://www.ourvillageourvoices.org/get-involved>