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HISTORY OF DANCE IN INDIA

DANCE LESSONS

Nova Southeastern University's Alvin Sherman Library organized a "Bharatanatyam to Bollywood: The Journey of Indian Dance" lecture and demonstration of the history, evolution and current state of Indian dance. Right, Blessy Mannattypampil dances during the event. STAFF PHOTO/MARTA MIKULAN MARTIN



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Davie voters approve charter changes, decline to pay school officers

HEATHER CARNEY SUN SENTINEL

Residents said they don't want to increase taxes to place a school resource officer in all of the town's schools, according to election results.

The nonbinding straw ballot question on school resource officers was the last question on the town's mail-in ballot election. About 3,000 people voted.

"A lot of parents came to us right after Sandy Hook; they came and talked to us about how important it was to get school resource officers, so we figured we'd ask them," said council member Susan Starkey. "Clearly, our parents didn't come out to vote."

The town council said that, if a majority of the town voted to pay for a Davie police officer, it would consider raising property taxes to place an officer in each elementary, middle and high school.

Because residents voted not to increase property taxes to pay for

the officer, the town said it will consider assigning one police officer to multiple schools or parking a police car in front of the school to deter crime. Starkey said the town will also talk with the Broward County School Board about paying for the officers.

Voters approved the 12 other questions that amended the town's charter, including when town elections are conducted and how many years council members serve.

Residents voted to extend terms on the council from three years to four years and to eliminate staggered elections so that the entire council will be elected in November. Under the current charter, all town officials are elected in March.

The town council said that moving all elections to November saves the town

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