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What made you interested in joining the commission

- I am disabled and I have encountered a number of issues relating to ADA and Fair Housing Act, as well as access issues in Davis.

Do you have lived experience of being a person with a disability?

- I am a stroke survivor on Social Security Disability.

What are two major accessibility concerns you have in the city of Somerville?

- Disabled accessible drop off and pickup areas in shopping areas.
- Fair housing accommodation in Somerville Community Corp housing. I just moved into Section 8 Housing in Union Square this week.

What other ways are you engaged in the community? (Somerville, disability)

- Politically active. I was a credential voting disabled delegate to the 2018 Democratic State Convention.
- I was active with MAMAS during the start of the pandemic. I was a pod facilitator for pod 100, Clarendon and also ran the pod discord.
- IWW member.
- DSA member.
- Doing my own Black Lives Matter activities, I have made a giant sign and 10,000 stickers
- Handing out book marks from the ALA supporting free speech, and made a free speech banner 6 feet wide.
- Active supporter and participant in Occupy Boston at Dewey Square.
- Worked for One Laptop per Child.
- Worked for Tufts.
- Artisan's Asylum scholarship for my art project.
- Donations to Project Soup

What skills would you like to bring to the group?

- Writing

- Copy editing
- Computer graphics
- Audio and video production
- Parliamentary procedure. I am good and untangling procedural issues and helping to reach consensus through good process.
- Legal and policy research. Though, IANAL.

Do you have interest and availability to serve on sub-committees/workgroups as the commission works to become more empowered in the city?

- Yes.

Additional comments:

- There are other well qualified and good people supporting and applying for the commission.