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To: Oliver Sellers-Garcia
Subject: Re: FW: Community Note: Somerville Seeks Applicants for Commission on Energy, Climate Change

City of Somerville
Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change (CEUCC)
City Hall Annex
50 Evergreen Avenue
Somerville, MA 02145

Oliver Sellers-Garcia, Director of Sustainability and Environment
Vithal Deshpande, Environmental Coordinator

RE: Letter of Interest for the open Commissioner Position(s)

Good afternoon,

I am writing to express my interest in one of the open Commissioner positions for the City of Somerville's **Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change**.

I am a Somerville resident with an extensive background in energy, climate change, and community outreach via a variety of vehicles including my day-to-day professional experience. I have been committed to the field of architecture and urban planning, concentrating my work in the practice of sustainable design and continued education. My career encompasses a diverse framework of architectural knowledge and experience, as a practitioner, collaborator and as an educator. I am a LEED Accredited Professional (since 2004). I have established experience and capabilities from conceptual design work and planning to construction implementation and project management. This includes small- to large-scale urban, institutional and campus planning, proposal writing, public-policy, as well as zoning, code & LEED consulting. I have practiced in Boston and in New York, serving in roles such as Director of Design & Sustainable Initiatives for map-lab (now Silverman Trykowski Associates), where I was the co-author and lead researcher for *ResilientCITY*—a comprehensive climate adaptation plan for the Seaport District of Boston. In previous firms, I have worked on Net-Zero Energy Building Design (MA Division of Fish & Wildlife Headquarters) and renewable energy projects (Wind Technology Testing Center) as well as projects for Smart Growth (University Station Development); projects based in focused research which translate directly to design as a measure of sustainability. On a larger scale, I have also worked on public-policy initiatives including the City of Miami and its former Mayor, Manuel Diaz. At the time, Mayor Diaz was the chair of the Conference of Mayors that had recently signed the Climate Protection Agreement, as did Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone, to help shape progressive policy under a new form-based zoning approach called Miami21. Our work together on this policy entailed a holistic approach to land use and urban planning which won the 2011 American Planning Association (APA) Excellence Award for Best Practice.

I started my own (sole practitioner) practice in 2011 called BlankSlate Design---operated right here in Somerville in, what can only be described as, our very own "innovation District"---with my offices located at the Artisans Asylum---near a great client of mine Greentown Labs. BlankSlate is focused on sustainable architectural design and planning, landscape design, graphic design, energy strategies & research, & consultation on sustainable practice, policy and planning. I have produced my own research and planning submissions during my career that looked to tackle many of these issues head on. This type of work compelled me to author several regional seminars including programmatic energy-efficiency strategies and better land use through productive urban agricultural practices. In 2011, I co-authored a mobile seminar for the APA's National Conference on urban agriculture and local food systems. This seminar discussed the many efforts across the Boston area that included Somerville's school gardening program mentioned earlier. More recently, I have been working with a group called Net-Zero Cambridge (NZC) on the "Connolly Petition" as a research consultant and strategist. Through NZC, I worked with Henrietta Davis, former Mayor of Cambridge, to encourage a public informational symposium that eventually led to the formation of the now-called Net-Zero Task Force.

As a member of the community with an interest in sustainability and experience in community engagement having served as a volunteer, supporter, fundraiser, and, in some cases, criteria developer for many long-standing sustainability networks such as the Boston Society of Architect's Committee on the Environment, Livable Streets (especially the Grounding McGrath Highway & Cyclist Infrastructure campaigns), Somerville Local First, The Food Project, Groundworks Somerville, CitySprouts, Sprout, Boston Tree Party, and the Urban Neighborhood Design Alliance (UNDA). Coupled with my extensive professional and environmental network. I have also taught at the university level and expressed progressive ideas in national competitions, that in several cases were award-winning. More importantly, some of those projects have sprouted into opportunities to work with a host of inspiring organizations such as The Food Project and Groundworks-

Somerville, among many others. Together, we have drawn attention to aspects of community advancement such as local food deserts and agro-health education via outdoor classrooms in local Somerville schools. As a public health initiative our work furthered the collaborative's intended goals, but also took on the added benefit of improving community participation, nurturing local value and pride, while reducing resource-use and energy waste.

And finally, from a personal standpoint, I have also attended and participated in many CEUCC meetings--lending thoughts and ideas to them. I am also a committed commuter cyclist--- to both get around and stay healthy, I work hard to encourage greater safety for pedestrian and cyclists through my volunteer participation in organizations such as LivableStreets Alliance (again), Boston Cyclist Union and Bike Safe Boston. I have grown as much of my own food as is possible on our tiny lot on Josephine Avenue and will begin building our garden in our new lot on Sewall Street. My participation in this commission is a given regardless of being formally appointed, but with my son now a part of the equation it bears an even more focused importance to me to do everything I can to help our community be a leader on this front.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to the opportunity to continue my participation---in a formal capacity.

Stephen Moore - Associate AIA, LEED AP

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On Tue, Mar 29, 2016 at 11:27 AM, Oliver Sellers-Garcia <ogarcia@somervillema.gov> wrote:

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Mayor Curtatone is seeking applications from Somerville residents to serve on the Mayor's Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change (CEUCC). The CEUCC advises the City and the Mayor's Office of Sustainability and Environment on climate change and energy policy issues and assists the City in program design and outreach related to these topics.

In the past, the Commission has advised the City on a number of topics, including energy performance of city buildings, the Residential Energy Efficiency Program, community choice aggregation of electricity, and residential solar. Commission members will advise the City on upcoming sustainability initiatives including the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and climate change impacts, innovative approaches to energy efficiency, and community outreach and education on climate change and energy. The CEUCC typically meets monthly at on the second Wednesday of the month from 7:00 PM-9:00 PM at the Tufts Administration Building located at 167 Holland Street.

The CEUCC is composed of seven Somerville residents and one member of the City staff who serves as an ex-officio member. Appointments are for a period of three years. The City seeks Somerville residents with a background in energy, climate change, and community outreach to apply by submitting a letter of interest that specifies the applicant's relevant background and purpose for serving on the CEUCC. While the CEUCC principally provides technical advice to the City, members of the community with an interest in sustainability and experience in community engagement are encouraged to apply. Applicants are encouraged to attend one or more CEUCC meetings prior to submitting a letter of interest. The next meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2016. Please submit a letter of interest by April 30, 2016 by email to Oliver Sellers-Garcia, Director of Sustainability & Environment, at ogarcia@somervillema.gov.

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If you need auxiliary aids and services for effective communication, written materials in alternative formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures in order to access this program, please contact the ADA Coordinator no later than seven (7) business days before the scheduled event at the address noted below:

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