

Somerville Commission for Women

Working Together for a Stronger Community

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How many years have you lived in the City of Somerville?

☐ Less than 1 ☐ 1-3 ☐ 3-6 ☐ 6-10 ☐ 10-20 ☒ 20+

What is your current Somerville Commission for Women Status?

☐ Applying for New Commission Appointment

☒ Renewing Commission Appointment

On a separate sheet of paper please respond to the following questions. This information will help us to get an overview of your interests, experience and expectations of appointment to the Somerville Commission for Women. You may also attach a resume to provide further information.

Questions for renewal of term:

1. How have you spread the word about the work of the Somerville Commission for Women?
 - a. I use social media and large email lists to promote the activities of the Commission. People know I am on the Commission and often ask me about issues related to the Commission.
2. Why do you want to continue to serve on the Commission?
 - a. I am currently the longest serving member of the Commission. I bring a perspective to the commission that includes knowing the history of the Commission's past actions and activities which help inform the present and the future.
3. Can you tell us how your personal and/or professional experience has enriched the Commission?
 - a. As a computer software professional I have computer software skills and social media skills which can help raise awareness and spread the word. In the past I have created and maintained a large informational mailing list for the Commission.
 - b. As a political organizer, I am well known in the community and bring organizational skills to enhance and support events and other activities and bring other community organizations together for collaboration and knowledge sharing.
4. What have you gained from serving on the Somerville Commission for Women?
 - a. I have met many interesting women from all over the country and in Somerville while serving on the commission including attending two National Women's Commission Conferences as well as State Conferences. I have been able to serve and influence my community as well as learn from others.
5. What three issues concerning the Somerville Commission for Women would you identify as your top priorities?
 - a. Girls' Empowerment

- b. Providing information including resources and events that can educate and enhance women's knowledge of health, safety, and financial literacy.
- c. Providing a safe space to talk about any issues of concern to women.

The commission's composition is intended to reflect the makeup of the women of Somerville and residents of all backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Please be advised that the following information will be used to determine eligibility in consideration of a potential appointment to the Somerville Commission for Women. Further, such information may be deemed a public record and may be disseminated where appropriate.

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