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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to apply for the open seat on the City of Somerville Planning Board. Most recently I worked as the Deputy Director of a regional air pollution non-profit organization located in Boston. In that role I helped coordinate the work of state air pollution programs in eight Northeast states. This included developing regulations to control air pollution from a range of sources, including municipal waste combustors, commercial buildings, and transportation. In this role, I also coordinated the work of several committees and led public stakeholder meetings to educate the public on the work of the organization.

At the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), my main role was to develop orders that established specific requirements for DOT buildings. This included standards for energy consumption, water consumption, methods to account for greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption, and approaches to improve indoor air quality. To develop the orders, I drew on existing statutes and executive orders and synthesized the requirements and methods into topic-specific documents for facilities managers.

In graduate school, my focus was on environmental planning, but I also studied city planning and took courses in land use law.

I have volunteered for a town committee in the past. When I was living in Arlington, I was appointed by the Select Board of the Town to be a member of the Clean Energy Future Committee. I found the work very rewarding and am hoping to again participate on a municipal board or committee and that is why I am applying to the City of Somerville Planning Board.

Sincerely,
Coralie Cooper