

Dear Ms. Salamoun,

I am writing to express my interest in becoming a member of the Somerville Commission for Persons with Disabilities. As a person with a lifelong mobility impairment and as a long time Somerville resident, I believe I can add valuable insight to the Commission.

I've watched Somerville grow and change since I first moved here in 2003. It's been my pleasure to be involved in HONK! Fest since its creation: housing and feeding musicians, promoting the event, and enjoying the weekends of camaraderie in the place I call home. As an artist, I've shown my work during Somerville Open Studios and channeled my energy into co-running the event. My broad involvement in both of these wonderful, uniquely Somerville events have made me proud to be part of such an amazing city, and I'm looking forward to the opportunity to be involved on an even deeper, more personally fulfilling level.

For all of the great change that Somerville has made over time, I also believe that the city can continue to improve in areas related to inclusion for people with disabilities. I'm passionate about ensuring all members of our community have the opportunity to engage fully. Please find attached my resume which details my qualifications and experiences.

I look forward to speaking with you further.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Denis