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Mr. George Proakis  
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*Via email: [planning@somervillema.gov](mailto:planning@somervillema.gov)*

Dear Mr. Proakis,

I am writing in response to the City of Somerville's announcement seeking to fill the Full Member position of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). I have served as an Alternate Member of the ZBA since 2015, and would like to be considered for the Full Member position.

During my past three years on the ZBA, it has been an honor and pleasure to take part in conversations and deliberations on projects within our city – one that is in rapid transition. I believe that I have been able to contribute in meaningful ways, drawing from my professional background in architecture and sustainable design, but also from an increased understanding of the goals of SomerVision.

On August 28, I appeared before the Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee. As you know we had a wide-ranging, in-depth discussion about the role of the ZBA, the civic responsibility that comes with each board member's position, and how we can all work together toward a shared vision for our community. The Committee voted to support my re-appointment, and I left the meeting with an even greater sense of purpose.

As summarized in my resume (attached), I have almost two decades of experience in space planning and design through construction of a diverse range of projects including residential, university and civic buildings, and also campus and city-wide master planning. In addition to my position as Associate Principal at Perry Dean Rogers Partners Architects in Boston, I am also the firm's Director of Sustainable Design, a role that informs my approach to all aspects of our built environment. Within the profession, I have served on the AIA MA's Government Affairs Committee, which focuses on tracking legislature that affects architecture in Massachusetts. Finally, in the past year, I have had the honor of serving on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) and was recently re-appointed by the State Treasurer.

As a Somerville homeowner, parent, educator and architect, it is imperative for me to be able to contribute to our vibrant community. I have found a meaningful avenue to achieve this through the ZBA. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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