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Oliver Sellers-Garcia Director of Sustainability & Environment City of Somerville 50 Evergreen Ave. Somerville, MA 02145

Dear Oliver:

I am writing to express my interest in serving as a commissioner on Somerville's Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change (CEUCC).

I've been attending CEUCC meetings for the past few years and would like to make a greater contribution. A lot of my own community outreach on climate change has been to residents with higher levels of motivation (if not also higher means) to take action on climate change. I recognize that Somerville is a diverse community, not only demographically but also in mindset. I would like to apply some creativity to help Somerville Climate Forward reach more audiences.

My civic engagement in Somerville also includes advocating before the City Council, working on public programs with the Climate Coalition of Somerville, and moderating several online forums related to sustainability in Somerville. I helped to plan the Somerville Sustainability Tour in 2019 with members of other advocacy organizations and a City Councilor.

My professional background is in consulting. I've conducted research, written reports, facilitated meetings and planned events on climate-related projects for corporate clients as well as NGOs (including CDP, the World Business Council on Sustainable Development and We Mean Business). I also trained with the Climate Reality Project in 2017 and co-chair its Boston Metro chapter. Through involvement with MCAN, 350 Mass and the Environmental League of Massachusetts, I have tracked progress on some state-level legislation of climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Attached please find a recent CV. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Cordially,

Larry Yu

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