

## Vanessa Boukili

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 27, 2022 5:37 PM  
**To:** Vanessa Boukili  
**Subject:** Urban Forestry Advisory Committee Statement of Interest  
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Dear Vanessa,

Please accept my statement of interest to join the Urban Forestry Advisory Committee. As a longtime resident of Somerville who is keenly interested in the health of our planet's ecosystems, I find the goal of the committee, 'to advise the City on the management and maintenance of all trees and shrubs on public grounds and public ways,' a critical component of the City's plans to address climate change and an opportunity to address racial justice while being an attractive way to support my community. I believe my experience makes me a solid candidate and would allow me to be an active participant.

While not an arborist by any stretch of the imagination, I did study biology in college with a focus on ecology, before settling on cellular biology, and then focusing on environmental policy in graduate school with a strong dose of urban planning. While less acquainted with the specifics of urban forestry, I have experience walking the land on farms which often include forests as an integral part of their operations. I have also planted and care for five trees in my yard. I spend a good deal of time walking around the city looking at trees and would be happy with direction to do the same on behalf of the committee. I have years of experience as a valued member of committees and collaborations in various capacities – member, advisor, chair, etc. and am most interested in conversations and processes that create conditions for action.

Please reach out if you have any questions or find me a suitable candidate for the committee. You can reach me at [REDACTED] or call/text me at [REDACTED]. I hope to hear from you regardless of your decision and am curious about the terms for advisory committee members.

Sincerely,  
Dorothy Suput

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