

Zachary Baum



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City of Somerville Zoning Board of Appeals
93 Highland Ave
Somerville, MA 02143

Mr. Mayor and members of the Somerville Zoning Board of Appeals,

As a resident and business owner in Somerville, I am excited to apply for a position on the Somerville Zoning Board of Appeals.

I moved to Somerville to attend Tufts University in 2005 and, as of this September, my daughter has a Somerville birth certificate. As a long-time resident of the area, I would like to be considered for a position on the Somerville Zoning Board of Appeals. I see this opportunity as a meaningful step towards further cementing my commitment to this city.

The overhaul of the Somerville Zoning Ordinance is an ambitious attempt to improve Somerville's zoning. Two of the most important priorities are the high cost of living and the increase of the commercial tax base. Though concerning, these points also represent a once-in-a-generation opportunity to use the incredible interest and investment currently focused on Somerville to improve the lives of its current and future citizens.

My experience with developing and managing Bow Market has taught me that Somerville is excited for development that highlights the existing strengths of our city: diversity, ingenuity, creativity, and inclusiveness. These virtues are the lenses with which I would review the cases before me.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Zachary C. Baum".

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