

Date: November 1, 2021  
To: Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone  
From: Appointments Advisory Committee  
CC: Javier Torres Trinidad  
RE: Recommendation for Appointment to the Licensing Commission (LC)

The Somerville Appointments Advisory Committee (“AAC” or “Committee”) recommends Jacques Thomas, Jr. for appointment to the vacant position on the Licensing Commission (LC).

The Committee was impressed with Mr. Thomas for his years of involvement serving the Somerville community and dedication to serving the public good. His experience as Accessibility/Vulnerability Compliance Lead for the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services demonstrated a dedication to accessibility as well as deep knowledge of project management and software and the ability to collaborate with boards. As a life-long resident of Somerville and patron of many of the local businesses, he is quite knowledgeable about the challenges, opportunities, and growth of the city. We would add that Mr. Thomas is extremely well-informed about the requirements, rules, and regulations of the LC.

Jacques Thomas, Jr., who is bilingual, is the son of Haitian immigrants who settled in Somerville in 1969. He has set deep roots in Somerville and is raising his family in the community. After interviewing three candidates for this position, the AAC recommends Jacques Thomas, Jr. as a candidate who very well aligns with the values of the City of Somerville and the responsibilities of the role of Licensing Commissioner. Please let us know if we can answer any further questions.

Sincerely,

Appointments Advisory Committee:

(Jennifer Blundell and Martin Cawsey)