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## **Somerville Commission for Women**

*Working Together for a Stronger Community*

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### **Somerville Commission for Women Application**

#### *Personal Information:*

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How many years have you lived in the City of Somerville?

   Less than 1         1-3         3-6         6-10      ☒ -10-20         20+

*What is your current Somerville Commission for Women Status?*

☒ Applying for New Commission Appointment

   Renewing Commission Appointment

On a separate sheet of paper please respond to the following questions. This information will help us to get an overview of your interests, experience and expectations of appointment to the Somerville Commission for Women. You may also attach a resume to provide further information.

#### **Questions for first time applicants:**

1. How did you first hear about the Somerville Commission for Women?
2. Why do you want to serve on the Commission?
3. Can you tell us about your personal and/or professional experience that you feel would be of value to the Commission?
4. What do you hope to gain from serving on the Somerville Commission for Women?
5. What three issues concerning women in Somerville would you identify as your top priorities?

#### **Questions for renewal of term:**

1. How have you spread the word about the work of the Somerville Commission for Women?
2. Why do you want to continue to serve on the Commission?
3. Can you tell us how your personal and/or professional experience has enriched the Commission?
4. What have you gained from serving on the Somerville Commission for Women?
5. What three issues concerning the Somerville Commission for Women would you identify as your top priorities?

**The commission's composition is intended to reflect the makeup of the women of Somerville and residents of all backgrounds are encouraged to apply.**

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Please be advised that the following information will be used to determine eligibility in consideration of a potential appointment to the Somerville Commission for Women. Further, such information may be deemed a public record and may be disseminated where appropriate.

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#### Questions for first time applicants:

1. How did you first hear about the Somerville Commission for Women?

I met current Commissioner, Stephanie Goodell on the MBTA Red Line into Boston just before the 2017 Women's March. She and her friends were discussing her Commission intentions and involvement. At the time, I was also looking for ways to become more involved in the community, given the context of the female disempowering events leading up to and including the ultimate outcome of the 2016 Presidential election. I then attended the next scheduled meeting in March of this year.

2. Why do you want to serve on the Commission?

I am interested in serving on the Commission to give back to the Somerville community, fulfill a responsibility to the community and to offer my professional skills to contribute to the greater Somerville Community. Considering the Commission is in itself a stage of new beginnings, having recently attained adequate membership for quorum, I am most excited to support the momentum of the Commission in shaping and meeting the goals for the greater benefit of the community through this forum.

3. Can you tell us about your personal and/or professional experience that you feel would be of value to the Commission?

I am a highly organized and detail-oriented individual, and am currently launching a business designed to support life learning and accreditation monitoring for professional licensure. I am a Certified Professional Accountant, and hold a MBA from Babson College. Previously, I have worked for both PricewaterhouseCoopers, a big four accounting firm, and State Street Corporation both locally and abroad (Tokyo, Japan and London, England), providing me with a unique sensitivity to an outsider perspective, having moved cities six times in my adult life. I believe this perspective is particularly valuable in Somerville, with a relatively diverse resident population that is targeted to increase by a minimum of 30% in the next few years through development in Union Square and Assembly Row.

4. What do you hope to gain from serving on the Somerville Commission for Women?

There are so many things that I hope to gain from serving on the Somerville Commission for Women. To begin with, I hope to better appreciate how local government operates and to build my local network through meeting with the women of the Commission, city officials and others interested in participating in events supported by the Somerville Commission for Women. I am excited for the opportunity to work with other members of the city and the Commission to support the needs of the community.

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5. What three issues concerning women in Somerville would you identify as your top priorities?

I feel strongly that the most significant issue to address for the women in Somerville is economic empowerment. The Office of Global Women's Issues of the US State Department suggests that empowered women are leaders in the community, they are business owners, employers, maintain homes for themselves and their families and generally offer reinvestment back into their communities. I would look to support the women and broader community of Somerville to achieve economic empowerment through education and professional development for leadership, broader employment opportunity, and financial literacy.