

SISIA DAGLIAN

15 June, 2022

Dear Madam or Sir,

I submit this letter and resume to express interest in the open position with the city's Zoning Board of Appeals.

My professional background is in architecture, in which I have practiced for over twenty years on a diverse range of projects. More recently for almost five years I held the position Assistant Building Commissioner with the City of Cambridge, during which time I was responsible for building code enforcement and implementation of the city's zoning ordinance as well as administration of the BZA's biweekly meetings. Currently I run an architecture practice based on Somerville.

I find myself in a place in life where I am able and interested in taking on greater civic responsibility in my own community. Given my familiarity with the nature of zoning regulation, it seems a natural fit to apply to the Zoning Board of Appeals where I think my skills could be useful to the City of Somerville. I hope you will consider my application favorably in this light. I would be pleased to discuss my experience further at your convenience.

Sincerely,



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EXPERIENCE

Founder and Principal Evergreen Architecture, Somerville, MA | 2021 - present

- Commercial and residential architecture firm

Assistant Building Commissioner City of Cambridge, Cambridge, MA | 2017 - 2021

- Duties include department administration, public engagement, review building permit applications for conformance with state building code and local zoning ordinance, implement zoning ordinance changes and other department initiatives, administer board of zoning appeals, presentations

Project Manager & Designer Austin Architects, Cambridge, MA | 2008 - 2017

- Direct design and project workflow on all phases of planning and construction projects
- Foster client relationships, understand and nurture their vision, strategize project parameters & options
- Lead design and consulting teams, establish critical path for deliverables, solve problems
- Determine appropriate engineering systems, coordinate solutions compliant with building codes
- Create effective proposals, workplans, and marketing strategies
- Review construction budgets and constructibility issues, specifications
- LEED documentation, construction administration and project close-out

Laboratory Planner Kling Stubbins Architects, Cambridge, MA | 2007

- Conduct client programming interviews
- Generate life science laboratory programs, data sheets and building usage strategies

Project Architect & Designer D.F. Trees Associates Architects, Hamilton, MA | 1997-2007

- Design and manage commercial and residential projects for Design-build firm with sister construction company Lindentree Associates
- Life science laboratory planning and general space planning
- Foster client relationships, translate goals and vision into design options
- Develop and review project budgets for architectural services and construction services
- Develop construction details and coordinate with construction crew
- Extensive construction administration

EDUCATION

University of Michigan College of Architecture and Urban Planning, Ann Arbor, Michigan
Bachelor of Science in Architecture, 1994

University of Windsor Windsor, Ontario, Canada
Studies in Biological Sciences

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Project List - Austin Architects

College & University

Harvard Law School - Cambridge, MA
Lewis Hall Renovation Feasibility Study, 2015-16
Tenant Relocation and Renovation, 2013
Lewis Hall Meeting Room & Office Renovations, 2012
Financial and Administrative Office Renovation, 2011
Backfill Study, 2010
Building Projects Study, 2010
Capital Planning Study, 2008

Merrimack College - North Andover, MA
Welcome Center Renovation, 2010
Girard School of Business Classroom Renovation, 2010

Regis College - Weston, MA
Athletic Field House, 2009

Independent / Secondary Schools

Buckingham Browne & Nichols - Cambridge, MA
Middle School Renovation Phase 1, 2012-2016
Cooperative Daycare Renovation, 2013, 2016
Lower School Planning, 2012
Campus Master Plan, 2011
Athletic Fields Planning, 2011
Admissions Building Study, 2010
Campus Planning, 2010
Daycare Suite Study, 2010
Classrooms and Science Lab Renovations, 2010
Beginners Suite Renovation, 2009

International School of Boston - Cambridge, MA
Science Classroom Renovations, 2010
Classroom Renovations, 2008

Northfield Mount Hermon - Gill, MA
Campus Master Plan, 2011
Residential Studies, 2008

Summit Montessori School - Framingham, MA
Building Study and Schematic Design, 2008

Corporate & Community

Conservation Law Foundation - Boston, MA
Renovation Programming & Design, 2016

Anderson & Kreiger - Cambridge, MA
Law Firm Tenant Fit-out, 2016

Belmont Hill Club - Belmont, MA
Accessibility and Locker Room Renovations, 2015

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy - Cambridge, MA
Wood Frame Renovations, 2012

VIM Fitness Salon and Spa - Cambridge, MA
New Fitness Facility, 2011

Alternatives Unlimited - Whitinsville, MA
Supportive Housing Development, 2010

Building Engineering Resources - Easton, MA
Office Renovation, 2010

Cambridge Public Library - Cambridge, MA
Collins Branch Library Accessibility Renovation, 2009

Novartis - Cambridge, MA
Office Renovation, 2010

Project List - D. F. Trees Associates

Commercial & Biotech

Cell Signaling Technology - Beverly & Danvers, MA
New Headquarters & Renovation, 2004-2006
Satellite Lab Renovation, 2010

New England Biolabs - Ipswich, MA
New Headquarters & Historic Building Renovation, 2001-03

Parc Medical Building - Waltham, MA
Tenant Suite Renovations, 2001-2004

Massod Dental Suite - Danvers, MA
Expansion, 2007

Woodstone Restaurant - Swampscott, MA
New Restaurant Design, 2007

Yank's Restaurant - Beverly Farms, MA
New Restaurant Design & Renovation, 1999

Black Cow Restaurant - Newburyport, MA
New Restaurant Design & Renovation, 1998

Project List - Evergreen Architecture

Cell Signaling Technology - Beverly & Danvers, MA
Masterplanning for Expansion, 2020-2021

Medford Residence - Medford, MA

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Select Projects

Buckingham Browne & Nichols Middle School Renovation | 2011-16

Cambridge, MA | Austin Architects LLC

- Lead Designer and Project Manager for all aspects of the project
- 22,000 sf renovation and partial demolition/reconstruction. The project was prompted by deferred maintenance, accessibility upgrades, and desire to maximize space use. Expanding on these utilitarian needs, new entrance and circulation patterns were created, excavating basement space to open out onto a new entry terrace, rebuilding the entire center portion of the school. On either side, the historic mansion and adjoining mid-20th century wing were renovated for classroom and support spaces
- Complex regulatory approvals required and extensive school board and user group reviews
- Extensive code and zoning strategy was required. I was instrumental in the school relocation planning and execution



Harvard Law School Lewis Hall Feasibility Study | 2015-6

Cambridge, MA | Austin Architects LLC

- Project Manager for feasibility programming and concept designer for feasibility study to renovate 38,000 gsf building from 1958
- Involved numerous options investigating deferred maintenance, campus context, expansion needs, and user group needs. Concepts were cost estimated in collaboration with Shawmut Construction Co.
- Presentations were made to the Dean's Administration Committee and culminated in a report of recommendations.



Harvard Law School Administrative Office Renovations | 2012

Cambridge, MA | Austin Architects LLC

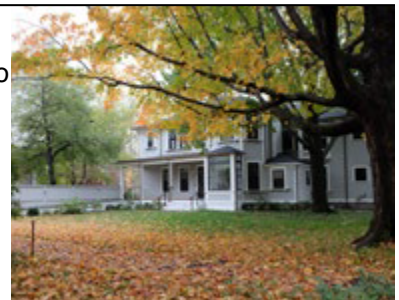
- Lead Designer and Project Manager for all aspects of the project
- Relocation of human resources and finance departments as a result of the 2009 capital planning project
- 4,500 sf renovation of a lower level space in a building with a curved footprint. The high quality details of the existing building were retained
- Awarded LEED® Platinum for Commercial Interiors



Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Wood Frame Renovations | 2012

Cambridge, MA | Austin Architects LLC

- Lead Designer and Project Manager for gut renovation and conversion of two wood frame residential buildings into a communal environment for research groups near Harvard Square
- Interiors were reworked to maximize flexibility for office, conference and group spaces. Exterior changes were minimal in order to satisfy historic commission and zoning ordinances, however a unified common garden and accessible entrances were created. This project is LEED® silver compliant.



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Buckingham Browne & Nichols School Renovations | 2009-2013

Cambridge, MA | Austin Architects LLC

- Lead Designer and Project Manager for several planning and renovations projects on the lower and upper school campuses
- The Beginners Suite project was a gut renovation of part of an existing wood frame building for new pre-kindergarten classrooms, entirely re-envisioning classrooms use and overlapping space uses. Renovations included all new electro-mechanical systems
- At the upper school, a series of project in multiple locations created new science classroom, film lab, tutoring suite, general classrooms, and the staff lounge
- Concurrently, planning work as done for the athletics fields, accessibility improvements, cooperative daycare and strategic planning



Alternatives Unlimited Housing Development | 2010

Whitinsville, MA | Austin Architects LLC

- Lead Designer and Project Manager for design of seven new apartments for supportive living accommodations, as well as support spaces and site work
- Three one-bedroom, three two-bedroom and one three-bedroom units were developed, all accessible
- The concept is to create 'garden apartments' where residents are actively encouraged to care for a small garden located on the south side, and in the existing greenhouse which is to be restored
- Numerous sustainable elements, including PV and solar hot water panels



Cell Signaling Technology R&D Laboratories & Headquarters | 2006

Danvers, MA | D. F. Trees Associates, PC

- Lead Designer and Project Architect for gut renovation and transformation of 110,000 sf former motel into laboratory and administrative office spaces
- Every laboratory and office space has views to greenery either in the courtyard or to the exterior, often both
- Creative solutions for mechanical systems and ductwork distribution in an existing building with low floor-to-floor heights
- First science laboratory building in Massachusetts to be awarded LEED® Certification



New England BioLabs Administrative Headquarters | 2004

Ipswich, MA | D. F. Trees Associates, PC

- Lead Designer and Project Architect for 45,000 sf renovation and restoration of historic Proctor Estate Mansion and Carriage House into administrative offices, fitness center and ocean genome laboratory
- Buildings are brick and stone exterior with wood frame interiors built in 1894
- Five main spaces in the Mansion were restored to their original character
- Other spaces in both buildings were gutted and rebuilt, including elevators, new mechanical systems
- Awarded LEED® Certification

