

October 28, 2022

City of Somerville
Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)
93 Highland Ave
Somerville, MA 02143

To the Historic Preservation Commission:

I am writing to express my interest in joining the Historic Preservation Commission. My career has been focused on the intersection of local government and real estate. Every city I've worked for or in has relied on its historical buildings to define the community's sense of place.

My work in planning began with designing policies and engagement sessions for the Boston Planning and Development Agency as it looked to create a more sustainable and resilient neighborhood in Dorchester. My current real estate consulting clients are attempting to achieve those goals by looking at buildings from the turn of the last century when developers envisioned their projects standing for 100-200 years.

As renovation begins to outpace new construction in the US, I have been drawn to the stories of the historically significant buildings in my hometown of Clinton, New Jersey. A +120-year-old farmhouse was slated for obscurity before local historians uncovered its ties to an infamous event in the first years of the New Jersey State Police that led to press coverage rivaling the Lindbergh Kidnapping. I authored a summary of this [Siege of Jutland Farm](#) and began the process of securing a historical marker through the County. I am excited to perform similar work for Somerville and help strengthen the community's understanding of its past.

I would appreciate the opportunity to join you on the Historic Preservation Commission and to engage more deeply with my newfound City of Somerville. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Thank you for your consideration and I enthusiastically look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Colin Curzi

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Colin D. Curzi

MBA | LEED Green Associate

EDUCATION

Johns Hopkins University

Master of Business Administration in Real Estate and Infrastructure

Baltimore, MD

2017 – 2019

Williams College

Bachelor of Arts in History and Psychology

Williamstown, MA

2008 – 2012

EXPERIENCE

RE Tech Advisors, a Blackstone Portfolio Company

Senior Manager of Climate and Energy

Washington, DC (Remote in Boston Metro)

Aug 2022 – Present

- Advise clients responsible for +2,000 properties on efficiency projects and decarbonization strategies
- Lead the firm's Policy Compliance Practice overseeing the jurisdiction-level benchmarking, retrofitting, and building performance standards policies for 10 clients with +5,000 properties
- Manage the U.S. Department of Energy's network of +50 Financial Allies investing in renewable energy projects

Institute for Market Transformation

Associate Director of Business Engagement

Washington, DC (Remote in Boston Metro)

Feb 2021 – Aug 2022

- Led the implementation of a \$1.5M *Network of Resource Hubs* in 4 US cities to establish real estate's compliance with new *Building Performance Standard* policies
- Engaged 60+ stakeholders in multiple cities to design customized programs for the *Resource Hubs* network
- Designed and managed a new \$200,000 corporate donor portfolio with 6 firms to generate real estate policy insights

Environmental Defense Fund

Climate Corps Fellow at Ventas, Inc

Chicago, IL

May 2019 – Aug 2019

- Conducted financial analysis and gained executive approval for \$10 million of energy efficiency projects across 101 buildings for an estimated \$950,000 in annual savings
- Managed the green building certification process for 22 medical office properties across 4 building operators

Sidewalk Labs, an Alphabet Company

Sustainability Associate [MBA Intern]

New York, NY

May 2018 – Jan 2019

- Project managed 4 team members in the development and executive approval of the sustainability "Master Innovation and Development Plan" for a 12-acre urban planning project in Toronto
- Conducted cost-benefit analyses and design reviews on \$30 million of roadway and building utility channels with a team of 8 planners and engineers that led to the approval of a climate-positive infrastructure system

Baltimore City Office of Information & Technology

Civic Innovation Specialist

Baltimore, MD

Jan 2018 – May 2018

- Advised the city on its winning submission for the \$100,000 Smart Cities Council Readiness Challenge Grant

Boston Planning and Development Agency

Smart Utilities Fellow

Boston, MA

Oct 2016 – Aug 2017

- Designed and implemented policy requiring innovative energy and telecommunications infrastructure development
- Led engagement and partnership approach for 40+ city officials, 8 utility companies, and 6 real estate developers to incorporate energy-efficient and resilient infrastructure in new urban developments
- Managed a team of representatives from 5 mayoral cabinets in the creation of 2 community partnership workshops

Accenture

Management Consultant

Washington, DC

Nov 2012 – Oct 2016

- Developed strategic plan to manage the U.S. Department of Energy's \$40 billion clean energy loans portfolio with long-term focus on government affairs, process improvement, and borrower attraction
- Led a 12-person Agile development team to create technology and training for >1,500 customer care center agents