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Citizens Commission
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Citizenship Affirmation	I am a U.S. Citizen
Residency Affirmation	I am a resident of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Statement of Intent	I intend to comply with and advance the policy established by this Act.
Statement of Interest	<p>As a young college student, who is deeply concerned about the influence of money in politics, I would bring a unique perspective to this commission.</p> <p>My education has prepared me to serve on this commission. Last semester, I researched the rise of Corporate Social Responsibility and how it led to the Citizens United v. FEC decision. I looked into the progression from corporations supporting popular social movements in the 1950-60s toward directly supporting political agendas today. And I learned about the objectives and impacts of money-driven campaigns and the issue of anyone spending too much money in politics. Large-sum political donations benefit only those who have money. They oppose ordinary people.</p> <p>We must limit our reliance on money in politics. That is an issue I advocate for as a student. In high school, I organized a walkout with over 700 students in opposition to gun violence. NRA money should not have more influence than people. In addition, I ran a registration drive to help over 100 students vote. Everyone deserves a say in our democracy. Finally, as a leader in the College Democrats, I have gone door-to-door and called hundreds of people. That should take precedence over money.</p> <p>On this commission, I will work hard to represent the views of Massachusetts' young people and collaborate with the rest of the commission. I will conduct thoughtful research aimed at uncovering corruption and amending the US Constitution. I hope you will consider me to serve.</p>

Résumé or Summary of Qualifications Upload	https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.formstack.com/uploads/3282862/71887710/482366835/71887710_3._andrew_abramson_resume.pdf
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Political Party Affiliation, if any, over the previous five years	Democratic
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City or Town where you reside	EASTON
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Employment Status	Employed
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Occupation	College Student
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Employer	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
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ANDREW ABRAMSON

EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts Amherst

May 2022, expected

Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Political Science – Amherst, MA
Commonwealth Honors College
GPA: 4.0/4.0

Oliver Ames High School

May 2018

GPA: 3.8/4.0

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Director of Communications

November 2018 – Present

University Democrats Club – Amherst, MA

- Manage UMass Democrats social media accounts.
- Send out weekly emails to over 600 subscribers.
- Canvassed for Democrats running for state and federal offices in midterm elections.

Ambassador for Free the Facts

January 2019 – Present

University of Massachusetts – Amherst, MA

- Communicate with students and administrators to plan an event with Free the Facts.

Vice-Chair of the LGBTQ+ Caucus

February 2019 – Present

College Democrats of Massachusetts

- Appointed by the Caucus Chair to lead legislative efforts advocating for LGBTQ+ rights.
- Lobby the MA legislature, maintain a community among LGBTQ+ individuals within the College Democrats of Massachusetts organization and know the facts relating to LGBTQ+ issues in MA.

Vice President of National Honor Society

June 2017 – June 2018

Oliver Ames High School – Easton, MA

- Organized fundraisers and community service events.
- Co-led meetings and facilitated community service events, speaking in front of 70+ people.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Swim Instructor/Lifeguard

Summers 2017, 2018

Maplewood Country Day Camp – Easton, MA

- Led swim lessons and differentiated instruction for groups of up to ten children.
- Ensured pool safety in collaboration with a team of lifeguards and counselors.

Babysitter

January 2016 – August 2016

Solomon Family – Easton, MA

- Provide after-school and nighttime care for two children.
- Tend to household tasks including homework help, transportation and meal preparation.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Tutor

October 2015 – June 2018

Easton Public Schools – Easton, MA

- Provided supplemental education and homework help to elementary, middle, and high school students in math, English, history, and Spanish.
- Offered study and organizational skills to middle school students.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Dean's List Honor

February 2019

Dean's Award at University of Massachusetts Amherst

September 2018 – Present

Rochester Institute of Technology Book Award

June 2017