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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

As an elected local official, informed citizen and long-time activist, I believe our democracy has too long been controlled and perverted by wealthy individuals and corporations who pour vast sums into elections and lobbying. As co-chair of the Green-Rainbow Party of MA (GRP), I lead the sole official party "walking the talk," requiring nominees to run Clean and Green by refusing corporate lobbyist and SuperPAC donations.

In my campaigns I proudly honored this pledge. I also volunteered for the MA ballot initiative to affirm Corporations are Not People and Money is Not Speech.

To end voter suppression, gutting of laws protecting civil liberties, labor, public education, health, environment, etc., and blocking of new legislation and regulation because of the influence of hidden \$billions, the commission needs a perspective and proven commitment supported by over 100,000 people in 2018's statewide elections. I bring integrity, legislative advocacy experience and the ability to work across political differences to recommend a Constitutional amendment that will heal our ailing democracy.

Qualifications:

*Elected Library Trustee, Berlin, MA

*Legislative candidate, 2016, 2017

*State Co-chair, Green-Rainbow Party of MA, Elected State Committee member

*MA, Conflict Resolution; Suffolk & Norfolk County courts mediator; Citizens Legislative Seminar, other legislation education

*Volunteer advocate: PassMass Amendment, anti-foreclosure, Green energy, Fair Share, other legislation

Résumé or Summary of Qualifications Upload

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Political Party Affiliation, if any, over the previous five years	Green-Rainbow
Clty or Town where you reside	BERLIN
Employment Status	Employed
Occupation	Organizational Communication/Development Consultant
Employer	Self

Charlene R. DiCalogero

SUMMARY

Creative, goal-oriented leader and systems thinker who enjoys working collaboratively within and across organizations, managing multiple projects, analyzing policies, trends, and research. Over 15 years in higher education plus for-profit, nonprofit and public service experience.

EXPERIENCE

Organizational Leadership/Management

Highlights

- ✦ *Led overall planning and day-to-day administration of four-year \$2.9 million federal education training, development and research grant project* to scale up elementary school literacy professional development and comprehensive school improvement model. Project encompassed eight faculty, multiple sites across U.S., several research projects, external evaluator firms, publications, websites, funder reports.
- ✦ *Raised profile of Center's work by forging relationships* across university academic and service departments, including President, VPs, CFO, Provost, Deans.
- ✦ Invited guest, GSOE Educator Licensure Group; university Faculty Development Days.

Primary activities and responsibilities

- ✦ Member, administrative teams for national educator training, research and development center; think tank for democratic participation; multi-site library adult literacy program; nonprofit gender equity education publisher.
- ✦ Planning, advising and decisionmaking: program, personnel, budget, marketing and technology. Faculty and research staff recruitment, chaired search committees. Analyzed public policy trends to guide organizational strategy.
- ✦ Program representation: meetings with legislators, government agency officials, advocates, VIP speakers, school districts, corporate and private foundations and individual donors from the U.S. and abroad.
- ✦ Headed development and implementation of practitioner network for democratic participation think tank.
- ✦ Research: Designed, conducted and presented results of interview study of 170+ US and international users of self-advocacy tools to inform improvement and marketing strategy.

Public Service

- ✦ *Library Trustee:* Appointed Auditor, Clerk. Restarted communications between town and state agency to remove barriers to construction. In first year, increased patron and voter engagement to expand state library funding. Recruited new trustee via social media.
- ✦ *Candidate, MA State Representative:* Won close to 4,000 votes with principled low-budget campaign. Headed campaign committee, designed campaign strategy. Delivered speeches to 300+ attendees, gave media and endorsing organization interviews. Recruited volunteers, fundraised.

Grants & Contracts/ Fundraising

Highlights

- ✦ *Won MA Dept of Higher Education Improving Teacher Quality Grant:* Lead writer and administrator, multi-partner proposal providing professional development for 45 high-needs-district school leaders, primary teachers and after-school program staff.
- ✦ Submitted *7-partner proposal for unprecedented USED funding competition* as one of 3-person team at lead institution. Planned scope, constructed \$29.9 million 5-year budget, contacted potential corporate and foundation partners for 20% private match. Negotiated intra- and inter-university approvals, created MOAs for all partners.
- ✦ *Won Lesley's first contract with largest school district in U.S.,* valued at \$3 million.

Primary activities and responsibilities

- ✦ For public and private universities, nonprofits: pre- and post-award administration, research design. Broad experience with federal, state, municipal and private funders.
- ✦ Grants and contracts in fields of education, biology, health services, nursing, psychology, conflict resolution, gender equity education and the arts.
- Marketing/
Communications
 - ✦ Headed marketing and communications campaigns for education programs, public library, market-rate and moderate-income home sales, environmental, and arts events, and as an independent music professional. *Closed 14 income-restricted sales during Great Recession under tight lending conditions.*
 - ✦ *Team member, graduate school and university-wide public relations and marketing redesigns.*
 - ✦ *Leading first Strategic Communications Plan* for public library to increase patron and voter engagement and support for planned renovation.
 - ✦ Team member, school- and university-wide public relations and marketing redesign.
 - ✦ Initiated focus group study assessing educator receptivity to new course offerings.
- Conflict Resolution
Practice/Teaching
 - ✦ *Facilitator and Organizational Communication Trainer*, professional development/ community workshops in collaboration, conflict resolution, and self-advocacy.
 - ✦ *Adjunct Faculty*, Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies.
 - ✦ *Mediator*, Suffolk and Norfolk County Courts panel of mediators.

POSITIONS HELD

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATION/DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT	2018 – present
LIBRARY TRUSTEE (ELECTED) Town of Berlin, MA	2017 - present
CANDIDATE FOR STATE SENATOR, WORCESTER & MIDDLESEX, SPECIAL	2017
CANDIDATE FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 12 TH WORCESTER	2016
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, GRANTS, CONTRACTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS Lesley University Center for Reading Recovery and Literacy Collaborative, Cambridge, MA	2002 - 2014
SENIOR PROGRAM MANAGER The Right Question Institute, Inc. (formerly RQP), affiliated with Suffolk University, Cambridge, MA	1999 - 2001
RESEARCH/TEACHING ASSISTANT Temple University Dept. of Communication Sciences; and Practice Enrichment Initiative, Institute for the Study of Conflict Transformation, Philadelphia, PA	1998 - 1999
ADJUNCT FACULTY, WINTER INTENSIVE Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies, Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA	January 1997
MEDIATION/PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT (Graduate Practicum) Mahoning Valley Dispute Resolution Services, Inc., Youngstown, OH	1994 - 1996
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRANT PROJECT COORDINATOR Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Clarion, PA	1995

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, SPONSORED RESEARCH 1991 - 1992
New York University Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Human Development
(formerly School of Education, Health, Nursing and Arts Professions), New York, NY

SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSOCIATE 1987 - 1991
New York Public Library Centers for Reading and Writing, New York, NY

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- DiCalogero, C. (2017, July 5). Making your town a Green Community. Presented at meeting of 350 Central Mass, Worcester, MA.
- DiCalogero, C. (2009, Fall). Cohousing for noncoholders. *Communities Magazine*, 144: 61-64.
- DiCalogero, C. (2005, December 5). Where's the money? Finding funding. Presented at Leading for Literacy conference, Newport RI.
- DiCalogero, C., Law, L., & Gettman, L. (2003, November 10). Weaving together funds for Reading Recovery and Literacy Collaborative. Moderator and panelist, presented at the Fourteenth Annual Literacy for All Conference, Providence RI.
- DiCalogero, C. (2001, July). Preparing lower-power parties for conflict: A capacity-building tool. *Conflict Resolution Notes*, 19, 1: 6-7.
- DiCalogero, C. (1999). A women's martial arts school: Connecting feminism, community and activism. In C. Forden, A. E. Hunter, & B. Birns, (Eds.), *A psychology of women reader: Dimensions of the female experience*, pp. 300-307. Needham, MA: Allyn & Bacon.
- DiCalogero, C. (1997, May 27). Tackling conflict on sexual orientation issues in the community. Moderator and panel organizer, NCPCR, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh PA.
- DiCalogero, C. (1997, May 26). Conflict resolution, peace studies, and the arts: Finding connections. Presented at National Conference on Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution (NCPCR), Duquesne University, Pittsburgh PA.

SELECTED COMMITTEE SERVICE, PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Invited Member, University Grants Team; Sponsored Research Task Force, Lesley University
- Invited Member, Core Stakeholders Group, Identity Redesign, Lesley University
- Member, New England Association for Conflict Resolution
- Member, National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA), 2006-2013
- Co-Chair, Community Resources Committee, National Conference on Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution (NCPCR), 1995-97, conference held at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh PA May 23-27, 1997
- Member, Study Circles group, race relations and racism, Youngstown, OH, 1996
- Member, Advisory Council, Peace and Conflict Resolution Center, Westminster College, 1996-97
- Planner, Forum on Sexual Orientation, Clarion University of PA, Fall 1995

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- Co-chair, Green-Rainbow Party of MA 2018 - present
- Board of Directors, MA Alliance Against Predatory Lending (MAAPL) (2-year term) 2016 - 2018
- Elected State Committee member, Green-Rainbow Party of MA 2016 - present
- Member, 350 Central Mass 2016 - present
- 75th Citizens' Legislative Seminar participant, State House, Boston, MA 2015
- MoveOn 495/Metrowest Council organizer, central MA 2011 - 2014
- Planning member and current resident, Camelot Cohousing, Berlin, MA 2005 - present
- Past Co-chair, Membership and Marketing Team, Sawyer Hill EcoVillage, LLC, two cohousing communities with 68 green-built homes, including 14 Chapter 40B designated affordable
- Mediator, community and court-sponsored programs, Suffolk & Norfolk Counties, MA; Youngstown, OH 1994-1996, 2001-2002
- Member, Soh Daiko, nationally acclaimed Japanese drum and dance troupe, New York, NY 1987-90

EDUCATION, LANGUAGE SKILLS

Ph.D. course work, Communication and Conflict Processes, Temple University
Honors: University Fellowship

M.A., Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies, Antioch University

B.A. double major, History and Botany/Bioecology, Connecticut College
Honors: Graduated with Distinction, Botany/Bioecology; Dean's List.