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Name	Eric Gregoire
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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>I am proud to express my interest and submit credentials in support of my appointment to serve as a member of the Citizens Commission. I believe that the charge provided to this Commission through the act approved by voters is fundamental to preserving our democracy and democratic institutions. My interest in serving to support this endeavor is based on the fact that I have been a citizen actively participating in our democracy in many ways: by voting, by volunteering for candidates, by donating to those candidates, and even by serving in public roles. Our democracy is enriched when more individuals are able to participate in it and able contribute to the policy-making process on equal ground. I believe that unregulated or under-regulated money in our democracy can have a corrosive impact on the ability of our leaders and institutions to make the best decisions on behalf of the citizens they serve. I believe that it is my responsibility as an active citizen to stand up and collaborate with my fellow citizens to strengthen our democracy by advancing the policy of the adopted act. Through my professional and leadership experiences it is clearly demonstrated that I value public service and have a strong record of representing a variety of constituencies at the federal, state, and local level. I have been proud to serve on a number of committees which have addressed complex and technical policy issues. I will offer my dynamic perspective coupled with my experiences to our cause.</p>
Résumé or Summary of Qualifications Upload	https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.formstack.com/uploads/3282862/71887710/490167206/71887710_egregoire_resume_3-31-19.pdf
Political Party Affiliation, if any, over the previous five years	Democratic
City or Town where you reside	LUDLOW

Employment Status	Employed
Occupation	Senior Budget Analyst
Employer	University of Massachusetts President's Office

Eric A. Gregoire

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Massachusetts President's Office – Management & Fiscal Affairs

August 2014-Present

Senior Budget Analyst

Responsibilities and Oversight

- Work with colleagues in the System office and on campuses to support preparation of Annual Operating Budget, Five-Year Financial Projection, Financial Indicator Report, and Capital Plan including the development of data requests and templates, compilation and analysis of campus information and research on historical and peer experience.
- Support state appropriations and allocations processes including track state budget process, prepare University's annual appropriations request, respond to requests for current and historical data, compile state, peer, and national trend data on appropriations and prepare and track allocations data. Prepare budget reports / information for the Department of Higher Education, Executive Office of Administration and Finance and the House and Senate Ways & Means and Higher Education Committees as needed.
- Prepare annual student Financial Aid Report including collecting data, tracking University, state and national financial aid trends, monitoring waiver policies and programs, and responding to financial aid data requests as needed.
- Develop, monitor and analyze the system office budget including communication with departments on the budget process and budget needs.
- Develop templates for quarterly campus budget reports and assist in the analysis of the quarterly data including the drafting of a comprehensive report on the status of the University's budget.
- Assist in the collection and analysis of information that support the UMass efficiency and effectiveness efforts and prepare the annual efficiency and effectiveness report.
- Assist in the analysis of financial proposals or policies, including existing or proposed programs or policies of the campuses, system office, Board, legislature, executive office or other state agencies or the federal government.
- Prepare annual Sustainability Report including collecting campus information and assist in coordinating the Sustainability staff at each of the campuses in order to support collaborative efforts promoting sustainability.
- Support other projects and initiatives of the System Office as needed.

City of Amesbury

November 2012-January 2014

Chief of Staff to Mayor Thatcher W. Kezer III

Responsibilities and Oversight

- Oversaw city-wide operations; ensuring that department policies and procedures conform to the Mayor's goals and objectives
- Served as liaison to the City Council, attended meetings, and responded to requests for information and developed and released regular Council update reports
- Served as Director of AmesStat; implemented the city's performance management program tracking spending, personnel, and key projects across fifteen city departments
- Participated in city-wide budget planning and review sessions developing a \$55 million municipal operating budget
- Served as the city's Public Information Officer, drafted press releases and oversaw media relations
- Acted as city representative and Mayor's designee on the Amesbury Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee; Amesbury Brownfield Support Team; Merrimack Valley Regional Transportation Authority Advisory Board; Merrimack Valley Mayors and Managers Coalition and other local and regional committees as needed
- Assisted in the development of the annual Capital Improvement Plan by gathering information on five-year capital project needs across city departments and consults with the Mayor and Chief Financial Officer on the prioritization of capital projects
- Coordinated interdepartmental collaboration on key initiatives and projects
- Acted as external liaison and constituent services provider to key constituent groups
- Attended conference and training sessions on behalf of the city including Massachusetts Mayor's Association meetings, Massachusetts Municipal Personnel Association meetings, and the Massachusetts Municipal Association's Annual Meeting
- Coordinated the publication of the city's Annual Report; prepared sections for each department and statistical information
- Provided procurement assistance to the Administration & Finance division as well as other city departments as necessary
- Performed special projects requiring research and implementation as directed by the Mayor

Special Projects

- Supported the Lower Millyard Revitalization Project; a multi-faceted phased redevelopment effort in Amesbury's downtown aimed at growing the commercial/industrial sector by relocating the city's public works garage, remediating a brownfields site into a riverfront park and mixed-use commercial space, re-alignment of an existing road, and extending the river walk bike trail to the downtown area
- Spearheaded the effort for designation as a Green Community from the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources; ensuring that the community adopted the five criterion required while coordinating the preparation of evidence for application with assistance from city departments, school administration, and Peregrine Energy Group

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LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Town of Ludlow, Town Meeting Precinct Member

March 2015-Present

- Elected at the Annual Town Election to serve as a voting member of Town Meeting
- Participated in discussion and voted at Town Meeting on issues regarding zoning by-laws, capital improvements, optional local taxes, town's annual operating budget and other miscellaneous items brought before the body

Town of Ludlow Finance Committee

October 2014-Present

- Appointed by the Town Moderator to serve as a voting member of committee; elected Chairman by committee since 2018
- Oversee preparation of the town's annual budget and provide recommendations for any appropriation before Town Meeting
- Approve requests for Reserve Fund transfers for unbudgeted department expenses during the current fiscal year
- Serve as Finance Committee representative on the Board of Selectmen's Budget Sub-committee

Fitchburg State University Alumni Association Board of Directors

July 2011-Present

- Elected representative to the University's alumni governing association supporting the University and its students by fostering opportunities for strong alumni participation and engagement; most recently as Immediate Past President since July 2018
- Responsible for establishing strategic goals and action plans for the volunteer board working collaboratively with the University administration, faculty members, and community leaders to development opportunities for alumni engagement
- In the role of President, served as a member of the University Foundation Board of Directors with responsibility over the university's endowment
- Serving in a variety of Board leadership positions over the course of my involvement: Secretary (2012-2014); President-Elect (2014-2016); and President (2016-2018)

US Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education Negotiated Rulemaking Committee December 2011-April 2012

Alternate Non-Federal Negotiator on behalf of Postsecondary Students

- Negotiated proposed regulations for teacher preparation and TEACH Grants under the Higher Education Act of 1965
- Represented the interests of postsecondary students to the other committee members who represented sixteen constituencies
- Collaborated with national organizations representing postsecondary students, the Fitchburg State University Education Department, the Boston University School of Education, and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Education

Student Government Association Executive Board, President

April 2010-April 2011

- Represented the interests and concerns of the student body of Fitchburg State University
- Served as Chair of the Executive Board and the Student Government Council
- Oversaw the goals and guide the agenda of the members of the student government including a \$300,000 budget
- Reformed budgetary procedures for student clubs and organizations funded by the student activity fee by creating a more transparent and accountable process for all students
- Attended all state-wide Student Government meetings in order to represent the interests of Fitchburg State students

Massachusetts Board of Higher Education, State University Student Segmental Member

October 2010-June 2011

- Elected by the student government leaders from the institutions of public higher education to represent the State Universities
- Represented the interests of all nine state universities' students on the Board
- Participated in discussions and policy decisions regarding approving new programs at institutions, revoking degree granting authority, bonding student fee revenue for capital improvements on the various public institutions, implementing a plan to provide more efficiency and collaboration among the public institutions to save money and the development of a system wide budget request for the community colleges, state universities and UMass

Student Government Association Executive Board, Student Trustee

April 2009-July 2010

- Represented the interests of the student body on the Fitchburg State University Board of Trustees
- Attended all state-wide Student Government meetings in order to represent the interests of Fitchburg State
- Advised and report to the Executive Board and the Student Government Council on any pertinent legislation or Board action

EDUCATION

Boston University School of Education

May 2012

Master of Education in Policy, Planning and Administration

Sub-Concentration in Higher Education Administration

Fitchburg State University

May 2011

Bachelor of Science in Political Science

Graduated cum laude with distinction as a Commonwealth Scholar

Honors and Achievements: 2011 Outstanding Student Leader Award, Recipient of the 2011 "29 Who Shine" Award from Governor

Deval Patrick