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Citizens Commission
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Name Jeffery Anderson-Burgos

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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

"We might as well require a man to wear still the coat which fitted him when a boy as a civilized society to remain ever under the regimen of their barbarous ancestors." This is the closing sentence of the quote inscribed on the Southeast Portico of the Jefferson Memorial. It is a favorite passage of mine in the occasional discussion on the value of reassessing how the needs of today fit with the words of yesterday. There can be no doubt that the framers of our Constitution were passionate about the work they completed, and then handed off to future generations. Even in the pride they must have felt for that document, they had the wisdom to understand that it would require a mechanism for updating it to account for changes in society that they could not plan for. I am applying to join this Commission because I see that, to paraphrase Jefferson, we are at a point where our institutions are not going hand in hand with progress. The Supreme Court interpreted the Constitution in a way that I cannot fathom the founders would have imagined, or would have appreciated. I believe those appointed to this Commission must have an appreciation for the sanctity of that document, but also an intimate familiarity with how the inequity in access to speech is exacerbated by the Citizens United decision. This body will certainly require legal scholars, but I believe it must also have include perspectives of those who know what it means to be voiceless, undervalued, and aiming to be an advocate.

Résumé or Summary of Qualifications Upload

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Political Party Affiliation, if any, over the previous five years Democratic

City or Town where you reside HOLYOKE

Employment Status	Employed
Occupation	Solar Advisor
Employer	Sunrun

Jeffery Anderson-Burgos

Skills

- Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint (proficient) •Adobe Photoshop (proficient) •Accounting
- Leadership •Communication •Creative Writing •Legislative Advocacy •Sales/Customer Service •Fundraising
- Political Communication/Strategy •Marketing •Campaign Finance •Creative/Event Planning

Professional Experience

May 2018-Present

Sunrun, Retail Solar Advisor

- Advocating for the benefits of residential solar to potential customers
- Developing a strong understanding of the requirements to qualify
- Learning and understanding changes to policies as product offerings as they are rolled out

July 2015-Present

Juan Anderson-Burgos for City Council, Campaign Manager/Treasurer

- Crafting campaign message/themes •Writing public statements/press releases
- Development of campaign literature •Tracking/Filing campaign finances

October 2006-May 2018

99 Restaurant, Server

- Cash/credit card payments •Restaurant preparation •Menu knowledge training •Mentoring
- Promotion •Solving guest issues

Summer 2016

State Representative Aaron Vega, Intern

- Legislative research •Communication with constituents •Social media maintenance
- Attendance of legislative information sessions •Campaign & Legislative Strategy

July 2015-July 2016

Leading Cities, Intern

- Summarizing reports of organization •Writing for industry publications
- Providing feedback to editorial staff and CEO

Volunteer Experience & Community Involvement

- Aaron Vega for State Representative: 2012, 2014, 2016
 - Campaign Volunteer
- Alex Morse for Mayor: 2013, 2015
 - Campaign Volunteer
- Mike Lake for Lieutenant Governor 2014
 - Ward Captain, Delegate: 2014
- Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Fundraiser
 - Falmouth Road Race, B.A.A. Half, Boston Marathon
- National MS Society, Fundraiser
 - Vermont Bike MS
- Free and Accepted Masons
 - Lodge Officer
- Mayoral Advisory Committee on Human Rights, City of Holyoke

Education

University of Massachusetts Amherst, '2017

- B.A. - Political Science; Magna Cum Laude, Commonwealth Honors College

Holyoke Community College, '2015

- A.A.S: Sociology; Valedictorian

Academic Highlights:

- Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society
- Holyoke Community College Dean's List: Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014
- UMass Amherst Dean's List: Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017
- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
- Golden Key Honor Society
- Research paper: *Your Cell Phone and Your World*
- Honors Colloquium research paper: *Fear and Oppression: Male Adolescence and Masculinity.*
- UMass Amherst Undergraduate Research Conference
- Local Politics / Global Leaders Grant Proposal

Extracurricular Involvement:

- Anthropology/Sociology Club: President, Spring 2012, 2012-2013
- Student Senate: President: 2014-2015; Executive Vice President: 2013-2014; At-Large: Spring 2013
- New Student Orientation Leader: 2012-2015
- Development of campus initiatives allowing for the responsible recycling of cell phones and other electronics for the funding of a scholarship through the Holyoke Community College Foundation. Award named in honor of late HCC professor, Gary Beluzo.
- Organized and produced TEDxHolyokeCC: One day campus event of TEDTalk presentations
- Holyoke Community College Long Range Planning Committee: Student Member 2014-2015
- Holyoke Community College Sustainability Committee: Student Member 2013-2015