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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>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>Our political dialogue encompasses a huge range of debates between countless people, all of whom are guided by competing interests and worldviews. Democratic systems are built on the idea that citizens must be able to participate in these debates as equals, but we are far from this ideal as the power of one's voice is largely determined by one's financial resources. This reality sets campaign finance law apart from other issues as it ultimately determines who has a voice. The work that the Citizens Commission will do may serve to bring us closer to the democratic ideal by shifting the source of power away from wealth and toward citizenship, and I would be honored to serve as a member.</p> <p>As a social scientist, I have experience studying complex issues, synthesizing arguments, and presenting information clearly, tasks central to developing effective policy proposals. It will be essential for the committee to explore campaign finance from all angles, and I am in a strong position to assist in accomplishing that goal.</p> <p>My research experience has also taught me that we must be humble when faced with issues as complex as election financing. It would be easy for us to propose policies without adequate consideration of unintended consequences. I would approach the process from a position of humility and with the knowledge that we must be mindful to not propose policies that might create as many problems as they solve.</p> <p>I appreciate your consideration.</p>
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<b>Political Party Affiliation, if any, over the previous five years</b>	Unenrolled
<b>City or Town where you reside</b>	MELROSE
<b>Employment Status</b>	Employed
<b>Occupation</b>	Assistant Professor of Sociology
<b>Employer</b>	Framingham State University

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## Jim McQuaid, Ph.D.

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### EDUCATION

<b>Ph.D., Sociology</b> Boston University	2013 Boston, MA
<b>B.A., Psychology</b> , Magna cum Laude University of Massachusetts Lowell	2001 Lowell, MA

### SELECTED EMPLOYMENT<sup>1</sup>

<b>Framingham State University, Department of Sociology</b> Assistant Professor	Framingham, MA 2011-Present
<b>University of Massachusetts Boston, Department of Sociology</b> Lecturer	Boston, MA 2007-2015
<b>CASCAP, Inc.</b> Program Supervisor	Cambridge, MA 2001-2004

### RESEARCH SKILLS

- Experienced multi-methods researcher who has employed a wide variety of research methods, including semi-structured interviews, structured and unstructured observations, focus groups, and surveys
- Trained in a variety of statistical (e.g. multivariate regression) and qualitative (e.g thematic coding) data analysis techniques
- Experienced in the use of the following data analysis software packages: Atlas.ti, Dedoose, Stata, and SPSS

### WRITING, PRESENTING, and PUBLIC SPEAKING

- Published six academic articles and reports, including five as first or sole author
- Presented 15 papers (five invited) at a variety of venues, mostly academic conferences
- Served as session presider or discussant (three invited) at a variety of venues, mostly academic conferences
- Developed and presented training workshops focusing on the use of Atlas.ti for faculty and graduate students at Boston University
- Served as an instructor for well over 1500 students across four universities in Massachusetts

### SUPERVISORY and ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Served on a variety of committees at Framingham State University, including as chair of the Department of Sociology's Departmental Curriculum Committee and as chair of the Department of Sociology's Sub-Committee for the Sociology and Criminology Internship Program
- Managed operations of a group home while working as Program Supervisor at CASCAP, Inc., a position that required the management of a caseload of nine mentally ill adults; a staff of six residential counselors; adherence to regulations from government agencies, such as the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and the management and review of the program's operating budget

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<sup>1</sup> Highest position listed