

Form Name:
Submission Time:

Citizens Commission
February 3, 2019 1:24 pm

Name	John Bos
Address	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Phone	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]
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

At age 83 I have lived through the swing of the political pendulum from liberal to conservative several times in my life. It is my perspective that in today's America the pendulum has swung dangerously beyond its capacity to return to a democratic middle ground. While the time remaining in my own life is limited, my concerns about the future, my fear really, for the America my two grandsons will find themselves living in is deep.

For the past seven years I have been columnist for our local newspaper, The Independent, a monthly op ed contributor to the Greenfield Recorder, and essay contributor to environmental publications such as Green Living and Green Energy Times as well as other newspapers.

While there are many more important and worthy causes than I have the time to support, I have focused on the "big one" - climate change - which will affect us all regardless of some people's economic wherewithal to keep adjusting to the increasingly dire impacts of global warming. It is common knowledge that "big money" support of the fossil fuel industry is a major deterrent to mitigating the degradation of our environment, not to mention other life-harming corporate practices.

As an active member of Better Angels I am working with other like-minded conservative and liberal Massachusetts citizens to depolarize the communication between competing political interests. But we all are subject to the overwhelming influence of "concentrated money" hiding behind false entities.

Résumé or Summary of Qualifications Upload	https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.formstack.com/uploads/3282862/71887710/474825606/71887710_resume_summary.doc
Political Party Affiliation, if any, over the previous five years	Unenrolled
If multiple or other, please explain	As a former Democrat I switched to Independent because I believe both parties are influenced by "big money."
City or Town where you reside	SHELBURNE
Employment Status	Unemployed

RESUME SUMMARY

Before founding his consulting practice in 1983, John Bos served as Director of Performance Programs for National Public Radio where he earned a Peabody Award for “meritorious service in broadcasting”. Following his NPR tenure, John served as the host for *Arts America*, a weekly cultural television program produced by the United States Information Agency and distributed worldwide.

As Deputy Director for the New York State Council on the Arts in the late 70’s, John was in charge of a \$15 million budget for grants to dance, music, theater, and presenting organizations. At NYSCA he created the Presenting Organizations Program to provided funding support directly to nonprofit presenters throughout the state.

Prior to his NYSCA appointment by Kitty Carlisle Hart, John served as Director of Field Services for the Foundation for the Extension and Development of the American Professional Theater. He was responsible for FEDAPT’s national technical assistance program.

On the home front, at the request of violinist/composer Arnold Black, Bos served as the Executive Director of the Mohawk Trail Concerts 25th anniversary season. He created the non-profit RURAL Renaissance in Ashfield, Massachusetts in 1996. RURAL Renaissance was created to integrate the performing arts into the fabric of a small town community by presenting first class performers in the historic Ashfield Town Hall. Bos presented 14 music and theater events from September 1997 through June 1998.

His newspaper column “Connecting the Dots” appears bi-weekly in the Shelburne Falls West County Independent. His op ed essays have appeared in a number of regional newspapers including the Iowa Press Citizen, the Springfield (MA) Republican, the Worcester Telegram and the Brattleboro (VT) Reformer. He is a monthly op ed contributor to the Greenfield (MA) Recorder.

In 2007 Bos co-founded Eventide, an all-volunteer gathering of singers whose primary mission is to sing in small ensembles at the bedsides of the critically and terminally ill. www.eventidesingers.com. On Nov. 3, 2012 Bos presented a TEDx talk about the growth of hospice choirs in the U.S. www.youtube.com/watch?v=o6LXcwXLe_Q&list

John Bos is a founding board member of the Four Rivers Charter School Educational Foundation in Greenfield, MA, former Chair of the Shelburne Falls Cultural Council, and a former Advisory Board Member of the Nantucket Theatre Workshop.

In 2014 Bos was given the annual Marvin Shippee community service award by the Greater Shelburne Falls Area Business Association.

John earned a BFA from Carnegie-Mellon University Drama Department with an emphasis on theater management.