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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 have been voting since 1974, when I was 19. That first election was a rite of passage for me-after years of arguing politics with my father, my opinion would finally matter! I've been a proud and active voter since then, taking to heart what I was taught by my parents and teachers: There are two ways for regular citizens to have a voice in government-vote in elections and serve on a jury.</p> <p>While I still believe that voting is essential, I also believe that the power of my vote has been diminished. And it's been diminished by money. When the Supreme Court decided that corporations have the same rights as individuals to make political expenditures, the voice of the individual was muted. With millions of dollars, corporations and super PACs are dominating the political discourse in the United States and exerting too much influence on election outcomes.</p> <p>Overturing Citizens United v. FEC is essential to restoring control of our elections, and therefore our government, to the people. This is not a partisan issue; a study by the University of Maryland and nonpartisan research group Voice of the People indicates that "66 percent of Republicans and 85 percent of Democrats back a constitutional amendment outlawing Citizens United."</p> <p>With the same pride and trust in our democratic process I had in 1974, I humbly submit this statement of interest. It would be a great honor to serve on the Citizens Commission to help advance a 28th Amendment to get big money out of politics.</p>
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Political Party Affiliation, if any, over the previous five years	Democratic
Clty or Town where you reside	LOWELL
Employment Status	Employed
Occupation	Freelance writer/editor
Employer	Self

Judith Durant



My non-traditional work life has molded me into a self-starter and fast learner with a strong work ethic, one who works well alone and in both supervisory and team member roles. An array of positions has taken me across a broad spectrum of experiences, from theater costume shops to editorial management rooms of publishing houses to charged offices of political campaigns.

For a recent Broadway show I created custom patterns and supervised the hand knitting of 50+ sweaters, directed the publication of scores of non-fiction books from manuscript to launch, authored/co-authored seven books, was selection and lead editor for a best-selling series with eight volumes, and curated and organized a gallery exhibit.

Taking leadership roles in political campaigns, and serving as a political committee leader, I learn as I go and adapt to technology changes and institutional structure styles as necessary. The lesson I learned long ago as a theater student is always with me: The curtain is going up—there are no excuses.

- Copy and Technical Editor, Freelance
- Editor and Writer, Freelance
- Production Project Manager, Pearson Education
- Book and Magazine Editor, Interweave Press
- Managing Editor, Drama Book Publishers
- Costume Designer and Theatrical Artisan, Freelance
- Treasurer, Lit Editor, and Canvasser for Political Campaigns
- Chair, Lowell Democratic City Committee
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