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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>My name is Katie Blair and I would be very excited to serve as part of this commission. I have been politically active for my entire adult life; during college I majored in political science and served as co-president of the Wellesley College Democrats, and I have volunteered for the campaigns of President Barack Obama, Senator Elizabeth Warren, and several other candidates. Last year I attended the state Democratic convention as a delegate and canvassed with the Yes on 3 campaign (and of course supported Question 2 as well!). I spent Election Day itself canvassing in Maine for Representative Jared Golden, who eventually won his seat through ranked choice voting. It's exciting to see so much interest not only in progressive candidates, but in examining the processes by which elections happen and working to change them for the better, whether by introducing ranked choice voting, debating eliminating the electoral college, or studying the role of money in politics and working to make the fundraising process more equitable, as this commission aims to do.</p> <p>I believe that for a committee meant to represent the citizenry of Massachusetts, it's important to have a diversity of voices. I've noticed that although campaigns have lots of young volunteers, longer-term political committee members tend to be older; although there's of course nothing wrong with that, I hope to represent a younger generation as a part of this commission.</p> <p>Thank you very much for your consideration.</p>
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Political Party Affiliation, if any, over the previous five years	Democratic
City or Town where you reside	SOMERVILLE
Employment Status	Employed
Occupation	Software Engineer
Employer	Melissa Global Intelligence

Katie Blair

EDUCATION

Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA September 2007 – May 2011
BA degree, May 2011. Majors: Political Science and Classical Civilization.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Melissa Global Intelligence, Braintree, MA October 2015 – Present
Data Quality Tools Software Engineer. Support development of data quality tools suite, including new market research and product testing; write documentation and train clients and sales staff.

National Center on Time and Learning, Boston, MA January 2012 – June 2012
Research Intern. Researched the impact of extended learning time schools on student performance.

VOLUNTEER AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Vaccinate Massachusetts, Somerville, MA January 2019 – Present
Founder/Chair. Created organization to lobby in support of vaccination in Massachusetts.

Appalachian Mountain Club, Boston, MA September 2016 – Present
Conservation Coordinator, Young Members Committee; Webmaster, Conservation Committee. Organize outdoor volunteer trips and involve local members in lobbying campaigns.

Democratic Party, Boston, MA June 2011 – Present
2018 delegate to Massachusetts Democratic Convention; campaign volunteer for Elizabeth Warren, Bob Massie, Sam Hammar, Deval Patrick, and others; volunteer fellow with President Obama's 2012 campaign.

Horizons for Homeless Children, Boston, MA December 2008 – Present
Playspace Activity Leader. (December 2008 – Present, excluding 2013-2014) Supervise children's play.

Congressman Stephen F. Lynch's district office, South Boston, MA May 2009 – August 2009
Intern. Communicated with constituents and addressed their concerns; prepared issue briefs for staff members; assisted in planning district-wide town hall meetings.

Amnesty International, Wellesley and Somerville, MA September 2007 – May 2011
Wellesley Chapter President. (Fall 2010 – Spring 2011) Facilitated meetings and planned campus-wide events and campaigns. Group awarded campus activism award during tenure as president.

Wellesley College Democrats September 2007 – May 2011
Co-President. (September 2010 – May 2011) Facilitated meetings and worked with college administration to plan campus-wide events. Coordinated campaign and service trips.
Treasurer. (September 2009 – May 2010) Obtained club funding and reimbursed expenses.

Wellesley Association of Labor Rights Activists September 2007 – May 2011
President. (September 2008 – May 2011) Ran campaigns educating students about workers' rights and issues abroad; advocated for Wellesley College staff along with a coalition of other student groups.

Wellesley Energy and Environmental Defense September 2007 – May 2011
Treasurer. (September 2010 – May 2011) Wrote grants for lecture and conference funding; coordinated fundraisers to support sustainability work on campus.
Secretary. (September 2009 – May 2010) Kept group minutes and publicized events.