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Citizens Commission
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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>As a former election official in multiple towns in the Commonwealth; as someone who has spent an academic career focused on making government and democracy more accessible to everyone, regardless of means; and as an activist and former candidate for political office, I have seen the impacts of the Citizens United decision on our elections and on our American way of life. However, I see a positive way forward. I believe Massachusetts has been a model for campaign finance reforms. Massachusetts has been at the forefront of keeping elections and elected officials accountable to the citizens with its campaign finance laws. However, there is still work to do. Massachusetts is known as a leader in implementing policy that leads the nation in creating a more just and equitable society. I believe the Citizens Commission will continue on that path to more competitive, fair elections and allow democracy to thrive as it was intended. The Commission will study many issues that corporate spending has had on politics and Massachusetts will once again lead the nation by educating our federal officials of the issues. I believe I would bring a diverse background to the Commission with experience in state and local government and elections. Also, appointing me would create an age and regional balance that would allow for a more diverse Commission to consider new viewpoints and perspectives. Increased corporate influence in elections is a challenge that my generation must rise up and face.</p>
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Political Party Affiliation, if any, over the previous five years	Democratic
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City or Town where you reside	LANESBOROUGH
Employment Status	Employed
Occupation	Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator
Employer	Town of Adams

KEVIN M. TOWLE

EDUCATION

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland

M.A. in Government, Magna Cum Laude

Areas of Concentration: Public Policy, Economics, Legal and Democracy Studies

The College of Saint Rose

B.A. in History and Political Science

Areas of Concentration: Constitutional Law, Political Theory, International Relations, Diplomacy

Minor: Psychology

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

Town of Adams

Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator

Worked with Town Administrator on all aspects of municipal administration, drafted municipal policies, managed projects to ensure efficiency and completion, researched and pursued grant opportunities, worked to assess municipal energy needs and aggregation efforts, liaised with local and state officials regarding legislation, conducted research, tracked capital budget expenditures, worked on acquisition of rights-of-way for highway improvement.

City of Pittsfield

Assistant (City) Clerk for Registration & Elections

Oversaw and led all election operations and preparations; maintained voting lists and records; conducted municipal census; led preparations for decennial federal census; managed office staff and operations; trained and managed election workers in fourteen precincts; conducted outreach and registration drives; oversaw purchasing and prepared for use of new voting tabulation machines and voting booths; oversaw certification of nomination and petition signatures

State Representatives Gailanne M. Cariddi & John Barrett III

Legislative Aide

Provided constituent service, liaised with municipal and state officials, researched and drafted legislation, prepared press releases and correspondence, tracked legislation, oversaw Representative's budget and legislative efforts, researched and drafted budget amendments, created website and online presence, assisted with various economic development projects

Economic Policy Research Institute

Global Operations Co-Manager

Oversaw and led global non-profit operations, edited and revamped website, assisted with logistics and event management, prepared contracts, managed projects, staff and logistics.

Town of Southampton, Massachusetts

Assistant to the Town Administrator and Building Inspector

Provided constituent service, prepared Select Board agendas and minutes, liaised with Select Board members/town boards/department heads, prepared correspondence, attended Select Board and other committee/commission meetings, filled in for Town Administrator in several aspects when Town Administrator could not be present to answer policy questions and provide clarification; created an electronic permitting process for the Building Department, researched issues for the Select Board, responded to public records requests

State Representative Rosemary Sandlin

Communications Director/Legislative Intern

Provided constituent service, liaised with municipal and state officials, researched issues, prepared press releases and correspondence, created website and online presence

Over ten years' experience in electoral politics and campaign communications, budgeting, and management

RELATED VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Lanesborough, Massachusetts Economic Development Committee

Member

Oversaw economic development efforts and provide recommendations to the Select Board, researched grant opportunities, conducted community outreach, developed municipal economic development plan, liaised with regional planning commission and other economic development organizations, created citizen survey and analyzed results to make recommendations to Select Board

Lanesborough, Massachusetts Energy Committee

Member

Oversaw municipal energy efficiency programs, reviewed bids for municipal energy products, made general energy-efficiency recommendations to the Select Board, managed expenditures of Green Community grant funds

Lanesborough, Massachusetts Historical Commission

Member

Oversaw historical preservation efforts, reviewed grant opportunities and prepared grant applications

Lanesborough, Massachusetts DPW Study Committee

Member

Studied and recommended efficiencies from shared municipal services including consolidation of the Highway Department with water and sewer services

Lanesborough, Massachusetts Zoning Board of Appeals

Alternate Member

Reviewed and evaluated requests for special permits related to construction and signage.

Southwick, Massachusetts Historical Commission

Member

Oversaw historical preservation efforts, oversaw historical building reuse plans, reviewed grant opportunities and prepared grant applications, liaised with regional planning commission

Southwick, Massachusetts Board of Registrars

Member

Oversaw election operations, nomination petition review, and voter registration verification

AWARDS

Johns Hopkins University Academic Honors (Magna Cum Laude)

St. Rose History and Political Science Department Service Award

Phi Alpha Theta History National Honor Society

Delta Epsilon Iota National Honor Society

American Legion Citizenship Award

MEMBERSHIPS

Notary Public

Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society

Delta Epsilon Iota National Academic Honor Society

