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Citizens Commission  
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**Name** Lisa Day-Copeland

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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**

I believe the Citizens United decision to have been the worst Supreme Court decision of my lifetime. I felt that immediately but even I am surprised at how fast it has resulted in inequality in elections. Those with more money can attempt to buy influence than those without. Individuals in corporations have their say as individuals. They should not be able to speak for all employees by having yet more say in the form of corporate donations to candidates. Further I feel this money has led to attack ads on good candidates, with little transparency as to who the donors were. This discourages everyday citizens from running for office.

I have worked on a number of campaigns as a volunteer and I believe in going door-to-door and talking to our neighbors about what issues are important. I don't believe in buying attack ads that misrepresent candidates.

I formed a non-partisan Citizen group on Cape Ann, called Cape Ann Local Action (CALA) in 2016 and we have over 300 members. We work with our local, state and federal representatives to get legislation passed (or not passed) that would benefit our residents...focusing a lot on those who are most vulnerable in our community. We have worked on issues such as Affordable Housing, Income Inequality and Immigration with a focus on local impact. In 2017 I received a Gloucester Citizenship Award.

Through that work I have seen how citizens can successfully participate in government, based on work not money.

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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>	BEVERLY
<b>Employment Status</b>	Employed
<b>Occupation</b>	Computer Programmer/Application Development
<b>Employer</b>	Para Research, Inc.

## Lisa Day-Copeland Biography

Lisa Day-Copeland grew up on Cape Ann and founded Cape Ann Local Action in 2016. Prior to that she was involved with local non-profits such as Cape Ann Wildlife and the Gloucester Public Schools, having served on the board of the Gloucester School Connection for 4 years and on the board of Period Partners during the past 2 years. Most recently, she joined Awesome Gloucester as a Trustee.

In 2017, Lisa was nominated for and received a Gloucester Citizenship Award. She received her undergraduate degree with a major in neuropsychology from Ithaca College and an MBA from the University of Massachusetts. Her first career was in advertising and market research in New York City and Boston and her current career is in application development for financial software at Para Research in Gloucester, Ma.

Qualifications for the Commission include a strong business background, good understanding of government and elections and high level of participation in community.