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Citizens Commission
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Name

Lola Kallasi

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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

The Citizens United ruling has set a precedent which threatens the integrity of our democracy. Just as this case challenged BCRA which decreased the role of "soft money" and set limits on the use of "electioneering communications" now, a new response is imperative to overturn this disastrous decision. The impact of unregulated money flooding political elections strips the power away from "we the people" and grants the most influence to those with the biggest wallets let alone the threat of foreign money creeping in and corrupting our political process. A government for the people and by the people is central to a democracy and the ideals our forefathers sought in the drafting of the Constitution. The Supreme Court cited the First Amendment as protection against the F.E.C. regulating political campaign spending by organizations thus providing corporations with the same protections as individuals on the basis of free speech. However sound arguments can be made that contradict this ruling. Judge Nelson of the Montana Supreme Court writes "Freedom of speech is now synonymous with freedom to spend. Speech equals money, money equals democracy". His sentiments highlight the perversion of the First Amendment to favor big business over individuals, a direct contradiction to what constitutional founders envisioned. Nonetheless, I am confident a challenge asserting that money, a form of property cannot share the same privileges we do should be made.

Thank you.

Résumé or Summary of Qualifications Upload

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Political Party Affiliation, if any, over the previous five years

Unenrolled

City or Town where you reside	PAXTON
Employment Status	Unemployed

LOLA KALLASI

I am technically unemployed; for the past two years the best choice for my family has been for me to stay home fulltime with my young son. During this time I have been preparing for the LSAT and have continued my inquiry into many philosophical interests. I am passionate about social justice and as a political refugee I have a deep respect for the ideals this great country was founded on and I believe they should be defended. That is why I would be honored to serve on the citizen's commission. My background is in psychology and philosophy. I have over two years of independent research experience on Ethics where I merged empirical evidence with philosophical debates. My goal is to become a human rights attorney and the right to elect leaders based on true merit and not through a tainted political process is crucial to all citizens of this democracy. Thank you for your consideration.

PERSONAL QUALITIES

Self-Motivated

Detail Oriented

Punctual

Honest

COMPUTER SKILLS

Word

Excel

PowerPoint

SPSS (ANOVA)

Languages

Fluent in Albanian and Italian

EDUCATION

WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY, Worcester, MA

May 2016

Bachelor of Science

Honors: magna cum laude

Major-Psychology with concentration in Mental Health

Minor-Philosophy & Law

Research-Project- "Facilitation of Ethical Thinking Among College and University Students"

Research-Project- "Mindfulness and Language: Effects of Consciousness and Health"

Recipient-Student Research Grant

Presenter- Massachusetts Statewide Undergraduate Research Conference

Presenter- Celebration of Scholarship Conference

QUINSIGAMOND COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Worcester, MA

2013

Associate of Science-Liberal Arts

Accumulative GPA-3.87

Recipient-John and Abigail Adams Scholarship

2009

INTERNSHIPS

ABBEY'S HOUSE, Worcester, MA

January-May 2015

Intern (120-hours)

- Monitor women/children in night shelters, perform clerical duties, and assist with fundraising.
- Administer medication to women.
- Complete intakes with new guests.
- Document all guest's activities.
- Contribute to a new Goal Enforcement Planning data log now required for all guests.

WORCESTER DISTRICT COURT, Worcester, MA

January-December 2009

Intern (100-hours)

- Observed/assisted a judge in courtroom proceedings and pretrial conferences.
- Assisted in legal research as required.

- Worked directly with the processing of restraining order motions.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

AUTISM BEHAVIORAL SPECIALIST, Grafton, MA

2014-Present

Volunteer

- Assist in coordinating community outings and socialization for children on the autism spectrum.
- Worked with an ABA therapist, in order to utilize highly structured treatment programs that are geared toward the specific patient's needs.

AUTISM INTERVENTION SPECIALIST, Worcester, MA

2013-2014

Volunteer

- Assisted in the coordination of community outings and socialization for children on the autism spectrum.
- Worked with an ABA therapist, in order to utilize a highly-structured treatment programs that was geared toward the specific patient's needs.

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EMPLOYMENT

YOU Inc., Oxford, MA

January- June 2016

Clinical Counselor

- Responsible for ongoing operation and shift supervision of youth within program setting.
- Maintained and implemented program policies and program development.
- Supervised youth and maintained shift documentation.
- Participated in a residential treatment team and provided quality clinical and residential services within the therapeutic milieu.
- Secured information such as medical, psychological, and social factors contributing to client's situation, and evaluated client's capacities.
- Secured supplementary information such as social history, medical records, or school reports.
- Delivered quality mental health services that included assessment and treatment planning for clients in a residential facility.
- Provide crisis management.

VICTORY CIGAR BAR, Worcester, MA

2012-2015

Bartender

- Quickly mix a variety of simple and complex cocktails.
- Consistently adhered to quality, standards, and expectations.

LE MIRAGE RESTAURANT, Worcester, MA

2010-2015

Waitress

- Assist guest with making menu choices in an informative and helpful fashion.
- Deliver exceptional service by greeting and serving customers in a timely and friendly manner.
- Job description here.

INTERESTS

Traveling, social justice, yoga, hiking, gardening, current events, and philosophy.