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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 Michael Baker. I am a graduate from law school at American University and am currently employed by the Massachusetts House of Representatives. In addition, I am currently awaiting the results from the February 2019 Massachusetts Bar Exam in hopes of becoming an attorney this fall. Before law school, I started my career in public service at the Massachusetts Legislature for State Representative Jeffrey Sánchez where I read and filed legislation for his district for over three years.</p> <p>As a member of the citizen committee, I would bring reliable legal perspective because of my knowledge of the issues of campaign finance law. During law school and while working in the legislature, I studied these laws including specific classes focused on campaign finance laws at American University. I would be a great asset to the committee because I am an enthusiastic aspiring attorney who believes that the government can make a positive impact on people's lives.</p> <p>My legal, legislative and judicial experiences demonstrate my ability to perform well on this citizen committee and my capacity to comprehend complex legal issues to benefit the public regarding campaign finance reform. I would love to work on this committee because I know I can help craft a new constitutional amendment that would bring Massachusetts to the forefront in the country regarding campaign finance reform. For all of the reasons stated above, I would be honored to contribute to this committee.</p>
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Political Party Affiliation, if any, over the previous five years	Unenrolled
City or Town where you reside	ARLINGTON
Employment Status	Employed
Occupation	Fiscal Policy Analyst
Employer	Commonwealth of Massachusetts

MICHAEL P. BAKER

EDUCATION

Candidate for the February 2018 Massachusetts Bar Exam

American University Washington College of Law, Washington, DC

Juris Doctor, May 2018;

Honors: Highest Grade in the Class, European Union Law, Fall 2016

Activities: *President*, WCL Chapter of the American Constitution Society;
Blog Writer, Information Security and Privacy Law;
SBA Senator, Elected 2L Transfer Representative;
Student Representative, Kaplan Bar Review

Harvard University Extension School, Cambridge, MA

Certificate of Leadership in Political Organizing and Action, April 2014

University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Amherst, MA

Bachelor of Arts in Communications, May 2011;

Honors: *Graduated Cum Laude*

WORK EXPERIENCE (In Chronological Order)

The Massachusetts House Ways and Means Committee, Boston, MA

Fiscal Policy Analyst, November 2018-Present

Worked with budget staff and elected officials to create a budget for the state of Massachusetts. Oversaw the Public Safety and Security portion of the budget.

Campaign to Re-Elect State Rep. Jeffrey Sánchez, Boston, MA

Field Organizer, August 2018

Oversaw volunteer outreach strategies and coordinated organizing efforts with State Representatives and Union Organizers to promote the Chairman's legislative record of which I was familiar because of my prior work experience in his office as both District Affairs Director and Legislative Aide. *Infra. on page 2.*

Pence Law Library at American University Washington College of Law, Washington, DC

Assistant Librarian, April 2017-June 2018

Supported students with research requests and performed other library administrative tasks. Hosted a national panel for law librarians on proper training and retention for law students.

American University Washington College of Law, Washington, DC

Dean's Fellow for Professor Fernanda Nicola, August 2017-May 2018

Conducted research on behalf of the Program on International Organizations Law and Diplomacy Department regarding European Union Law, Consumer Protection laws, EU/US Trade, Environmental Law, Data Privacy, and EU/US Jurisprudence.

D.C. Law Students in Court Clinical Program, Washington, DC

Student Attorney, August 2017-December 2017

Represented indigent clients in DC Superior Court. I advocated for clients in both the Landlord/Tenant and Small Claims Court branches. I represented clients at motions hearings and settlement negotiations. I also drafted settlements, motions, complaints, answers, requests for production, interrogatories, emails and all other necessary legal documentation for my clients.

The Honorable Charles Baker, Governor of Massachusetts, Washington, DC

Federal and State Relations Intern, May 2017-August 2017

Represented Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker's Office in DC. Coordinated with the Massachusetts delegation in Congress and tracked important budget items for the state. I also identified and tracked federal grants pertinent to Massachusetts agencies and its industries in order to bring additional resources to the state.

American University Washington College of Law, Washington, DC

Deans Fellow for Professor Susan Bennett, May 2017-August 2017

Conducted research and interviews for the Community and Economic Development Law Clinic regarding affordable housing and economic development policy for federal, state and local housing providers.

American University Washington College of Law, Washington, DC

Deans Fellow for Professor Asha Scielzo, Health Law and Policy Summer Institute, May 2017-August 2017

Coordinated the Health Law and Policy Summer Institute at American University, a week-long Health Law curriculum for law students and practitioners in the health insurance field.

The Honorable Brian Dunn, Justice in the Suffolk County Probate and Family Court, Boston, MA

Judicial Intern, May 2016-August 2016

Assisted Judicial Clerks with courtroom administration and case management. Wrote opinions and statements of fact for Justice Dunn. Conducted legal research pertinent to family and probate law in Massachusetts.

Arlington Town Meeting, Arlington, MA

Elected Town Meeting Member, Precinct 12, March 2013- August 2016

Elected by residents of Precinct 12 of Arlington. Responsible for voting on the town budget and resolutions.

State Representative Jeffrey Sánchez, House Chair, Joint Committee on Healthcare Finance, Boston, MA

District Affairs Director, September 2013-August 2015

Awards: *Crime Fighter of the Year, Jamaica Plain, Mayor of Boston and BPD, August 2015*

Public Housing Advocacy Award, MassHousing, October 2015

Volunteer of the Year, ABCD, Jamaica Plain, MA, September 2014

Oversaw all district events and managed constituent correspondence for the office. Managed legislation pertaining to the budget, gun violence, housing, substance abuse and public safety. Conducted survey of over 230 public housing residents, assessing their health. Facilitated monthly meetings with over forty non-profits.

State Representative Jeffrey Sánchez, House Chair, Joint Committee on Public Health, Boston, MA

Legislative Aide, August 2012-September 2013

Liaison to the 20,000 residents of Jamaica Plain and Roslindale. Responsible for filing and tracking legislation. Wrote citations and resolutions for Massachusetts residents. Produced testimonies on legislation for public hearings. Worked with public school advocates addressing issues related to Boston Public Schools.

Office of State Representative Mark Cusack, Boston, MA

Research Intern, April 2012-August 2012

Conducted research for Representative Cusack regarding transportation and energy legislation.

Office of State Representative Sean Garballey, Boston, MA

Legislative Intern, October 2011-April 2012

Assisted the Legislative Aide with constituent correspondence and research for legislation.