

To deliver a compelling report to the Commonwealth and the nation by year-end, the Citizens Commission will need someone who is adept at writing with clarity and force, who possesses professional editing skills, who knows how to meet a strict deadline, and who grasps the historic nature of the task. These are the attributes of an experienced journalist and editor fluent in politics and policy.

Why volunteer? At our nation's founding, the most influential colonies-Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Virginia-became "commonwealths" to ensure that the common good and general welfare were paramount. That ideal has eroded nationally under the unchecked influence of moneyed special interests. Rather than acting as the voice of the people, elected officials are increasingly beholden to wealthy patrons who fund political mass communication efforts. These patrons, including corporations, can exert their will by financing ever costlier campaigns, and the Supreme Court has unwisely encouraged such de facto corruption. A new spoils system has emerged, and those able to pay acquire vast political influence. The general welfare and common good are priced out. Democracy gives way to corporate oligarchy-precisely what the Founders fought to avoid.

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

Clty or Town where you reside	WALTHAM
Employment Status	Employed
Occupation	writer, editor, editorial manager
Employer	TIFF Investment Management

Paul F. Horvitz

20-year resident of Massachusetts living in Waltham

Current Employment

writing, editing, and editorial management for TIFF Investment Management, a not-for-profit firm that invests endowment funds for 600 U.S. charitable organizations

Professional Experience

More than three decades in political and financial journalism. Highlights include:

- Assistant National Editor, *The New York Times*
- Washington Correspondent and Assistant Managing Editor, the *International Herald Tribune* (including US political coverage, Congress, Supreme Court)
- Bureau Chief, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* (including New Jersey and national political coverage)
- Senior Editor, *Markets* magazine, Bloomberg LP (including corporation coverage)

Education

Harvard College, AB in Government

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