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Name	Robert Vincent II
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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 my attached military biography attests, I am a retired Navy senior officer and judge advocate. I was an Appellate Judge for four years and the first lawyer assigned to the aircraft carrier, USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75). I also served our nation overseas, in Washington, DC on 9/11, at the Pentagon and at the State Department. I have extensive judicial, legislative and regulatory experience. As an Appellate Judge, I participated in the review of 775 court-martial appeals and was the lead judge in over 200 appellate decisions, many of which involved constitutional and evidentiary issues. I also coordinated Navy JAG review of proposed Congressional legislation and federal regulations in the aftermath of 9/11.</p> <p>In August 2014, I relocated to Wakefield, Massachusetts. I am a Charter member of the Wakefield Human Rights Commission and a member of the Bylaws Review Committee. I am also an Elected Member of the Wakefield Democratic Town Committee.</p> <p>I am particularly interested in serving on the Citizens Commission because it is examining this crucial issue from a more comprehensive approach than that undertaken by other states. My Navy legal career honed my research, writing and consensus building skills, as well as my ability to conduct both judicial and administrative hearings. They comprise a skill set that will strengthen the Commission's abilities to conduct research and public hearings in order to thoroughly examine the viability of a Constitutional Amendment.</p>
Résumé or Summary of Qualifications Upload	https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.formstack.com/uploads/3282862/71887710/480578538/71887710_rvbio_ltr.doc
Political Party Affiliation, if any, over the previous five years	Democratic

City or Town where you reside	WAKEFIELD
Employment Status	Unemployed

Commander Robert E. Vincent II was born in [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] and raised in Massachusetts, Texas and Maryland. He graduated from the University of Maryland at College Park with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology in 1982. He received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1986.

CDR Vincent received his commission in the Judge Advocate General's' Corps in August 1986. He was initially assigned to the Naval Legal Service Office, Newport, Rhode Island from November 1987. He served as a military defense counsel, trial counsel, Federal Tort Claims Act attorney, and legal assistance attorney. In May 1991, CDR Vincent was selected for assignment to the Department of State Office of International Claims and Investment Disputes. For two years, he represented the U.S. Navy's legal interests concerning Iran's multi-billion dollar Foreign Military Sales Claim against the United States, which was filed before the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal in The Hague.

From July 1993 until October 1996, CDR Vincent served as the Chief Commissioner of the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals. In October 1996, CDR Vincent reported to the Precommissioning Unit HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN 75) as the Command Judge Advocate, where he established the Legal Department onboard the Navy's newest aircraft carrier. He transferred shortly after becoming a plank owner in July 1998.

From August 1998 until July 2001, CDR Vincent served as the Staff Judge Advocate, United States Naval Activities, United Kingdom where provided legal advice and support to all naval activities located within Northern Europe. In July 2001, he reported for duty at the Office of the Judge Advocate General, Administrative Law Division. He served as Deputy Director, Legislation and Regulations, FOIA/Privacy Act Branch Head, and Military Rights and Benefits Branch Head. In September 2003, CDR Vincent was selected to serve as Head Recorder and legal advisor to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for all matters associated with Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) 2005.

In January 2006, he was appointed as a military appellate judge at the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals. CDR Vincent was selected as a senior judge on the court in June 2008 and served in this capacity until January 2010. From January 2010 until his retirement on 1 September 2013, he simultaneously served as the Deputy Director of the Office of the Judge Advocate General, Criminal Law Division and as the Military Justice Expert on the Judge Advocate Generals' Inspector General Team.

His personal awards include a Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, (Gold Star in Lieu of Fourth Award), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (Gold Star in Lieu of Fourth Award), Navy Achievement Medal (Gold Star in Lieu of Second Award), and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. He is also a designated Military Justice Specialist.

