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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**

In his elegant dissent to Citizens United v. FEC, Justice Stevens presented the decision as "a rejection of the common sense of the American people, who have recognized a need to prevent corporations from undermining self-government since the founding." Last November 71 percent of Massachusetts voters affirmed this view, including 161,821 in the City of Boston, where I live.

With their ballots, the people of Massachusetts expressed their support for fair elections and distaste for the marriage of concentrated money and government policy. In doing so, they called for a Citizens Commission to analyze the impacts of political spending and present recommendations for a proposed constitutional amendment.

By joining the commission, I aim to collaborate with a diverse group of 15 Bay Staters as we gather evidence, engage the public, and progress 28th Amendment efforts. As a member, I offer my skills as a historian and policy analyst; my gift for writing and speaking in public; my wide social network; and my passion for meaningful conversation.

Most of all, I bring my zeal for the democratic rights of the people. Asserting these rights is a monumental challenge, but I remind skeptics that 27th Amendment - ratified in my short lifetime - sprang from an undergraduate's letter-writing campaign. The next amendment may be a long shot, but our democracy allows the will of the people to achieve great heights. For that reason, it is worth protecting.

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<b>Political Party Affiliation, if any, over the previous five years</b>	Democratic
<b>City or Town where you reside</b>	BOSTON
<b>Employment Status</b>	Employed
<b>Occupation</b>	Policy Analyst and Urban Planner
<b>Employer</b>	EDR Group

## Academics

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### Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA; Class of 2018

- Master of City Planning/Master of Science in Transportation/Environmental Planning Certificate
- Coursework: urban transportation planning, transportation demand, public transportation planning, freight/SCM, TOD, GIS, R, Python, JavaScript, project management, real estate economics, urban design, dispute resolution; GPA: 4.8/5.0
- Masters Thesis: *Regulating Discrimination in Ridesharing Platforms*

### Brown University, Providence, RI; Class of 2010

- B.A. in Urban Studies and History, Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa Honors; GPA: 3.9/4.0
- Senior Honors Thesis: *Landscapes of Industrial Decline in Southern New England*

## Planning and Transportation Research Experience

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### Economic Development Research Group, Planning and Research Analyst, Boston, MA 2018-2019

- Assess the economic impacts of projects, policies, and programs for State DOTs, airports, transit agencies, and MPOs
- Conduct quantitative research on emerging topics: connected/autonomous vehicles, shared mobility, alternative user fees.
- Identify and generate new work; draft proposals; manage project budgets and staffing; present deliverables to clients.

### Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Instructor/Research Assistant, Cambridge, MA 2015-2018

- Research assistant in the Regional Transportation Planning Research Group and the MIT Urban Mobility Lab
- Lead instructor of undergraduate course on Project Management (2017-18); teaching assistant (2016)
- Student in the Environmental Policy and Planning Group in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning

### Fehr & Peers, Planning Intern, Denver, CO Summer 2016

- Prepared comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian plan for the City of Newark, CA
- Analyzed mobile source GHG impacts of traffic engineering schemes for Alamosa County, CO

### U.S. DOT/Volpe Center, Community Planner, Cambridge, MA 2012-2015

- Conducted research on impacts of transportation infrastructure on the natural and urban built environments
- Wrote technical reports and guidance for State DOTs on topics including environmental impact assessments
- Planned, facilitated, and documented peer exchanges and workshops on critical transportation topics

## Leadership Experience

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### Bike & Build, Trip Leader, Nationwide Summers 2008 and 2012

- Advocated for high-quality affordable housing; bicycled over 8,000 miles between two coast-to-coast trips
- Organized a charitable cross-country bicycle trip for 30 young adults; coordinated multiple service trips

### Austrian-American Fulbright Association, Teaching Assistant in Waidhofen/Ybbs, Austria 2010-2011

- Taught lessons on English and American culture; served as an ambassador to the German-speaking world

### WBRU-FM, VP/General Manager, Providence, RI 2006-2010

- Developed and executed an annual budget of \$2 million; prepared strategic plan for the radio station
- Supervised a paid professional staff of twelve employees and a volunteer student staff of over fifty

## Skills, Interests, and Publications

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**Skills and Languages:** German (fluent), Adobe Creative Suite, ArcGIS, R, JavaScript, Python, MS Office Suite

**Clubs/Associations:** Young Professionals in Transportation, MIT Bamboo Club, MIT Transportation Club

**Interests:** Cycling, hiking, ESL instruction (volunteer), urban/architectural history, travel

**Awards:** MIT Maseeh Award for Excellence in Teaching; USDOT Director's Award for Excellence (2015 and 2016)

### Recent Publications:

- Rider-to-rider discriminatory attitudes and ridesharing behavior (*Transportation Research Part F*, 2019)
- Flexible multicriteria, multistakeholder decision frameworks for transportation planning under uncertainty (*TRR*, 2018)
- Discriminatory attitudes between ridesharing passengers (*Transportation*, forthcoming)