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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

My name is Tom Brown, and I recently retired (at age 70) from a part-time professor's position in the History Department at Bridgewater State University. In total, I have taught for 47 years at all levels from junior high through graduate courses, as well as in both public and private settings. Please refer to my attached resume for dates, courses taught and my other qualifications. I enjoyed a long, productive and interesting career, and developed a special interest in both history and civics education, and political involvement. For instance, I served as President of the Westwood Teacher's Association for 10 years and served as Chief Negotiator of contracts for 25. For the past five years I have been a member of the Wrentham Democratic Town Committee and more recently in the reform organization, "We The People".

Philosophically, I consider myself a liberal or progressive thinker, one who feels our country has slipped into another "Gilded Age", dominated by huge corporate interests and the influence of "big money", much of it "dark" in nature due to unwise Supreme Court decisions. Therefore, I wish to work to implement the reforms proposed in Ballot Question #2, ideas designed to buttress the concept of "one person, one vote".

To this end, I will meet my committee (or commission) obligations, do my research and preparation, and demonstrate the other personal qualities allowing for me to prove "busy people get things done." Please provide me with that opportunity

Résumé or Summary of Qualifications Upload

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Political Party Affiliation, if any, over the previous five years	Democratic
Clty or Town where you reside	WRENTHAM
Employment Status	Unemployed

THOMAS J. BROWN

EDUCATION

Northeastern University (Boston, MA) 1971-1973
Master of Arts in History (American Social and Political History and Modern European Economic and Social History)
Cumulative GPA: 3.70
Full Graduate Fellowship with Teaching Assistantship Stipend

Bridgewater State College (Bridgewater, MA) 1966-1970
B.A. in History with Minor in Secondary Education, cum laude (American and Modern European History)
Cumulative GPA: 3.30
Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society in education and President of Nu.Nu Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society in History (1969-1970)

Bridgewater State College numerous administrative courses 1995-1997

CERTIFICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

History - 2014
Social Studies - 2014
Principal/
Assistant Principal - never activated

Member of the American Historical Association 1971 to 2015

WORK EXPERIENCE

The Education Cooperative (TEC) (Dedham, MA)
Educational Consultant (2005 to 2013) and Instructor (Lead Teacher) in **the Teaching American History (TAH) Federal Program Grants #1 (Declaration of Independence and Constitution), and #2 and #3 (Industrial Revolution, Immigration and Antebellum Reforms)**; board member of the TAH Curriculum Advisory Committee; co-taught with SJC Administrative Attorney, Barbara Berenson, the following colloquia: *John Adams and the Massachusetts Constitution of 1780* (Spring, 2008 and Summer, 2008); *Ratification of the United States Constitution by Massachusetts*(2009), and *Sacco and Vanzetti: American Anarchism on Trial* (Summer, 2009 and 2012); and recruiter of TAH participants and project facilitator for teacher participants

Bridgewater State University (Bridgewater, MA)

Visiting Lecturer in the History Department (2007 to 2018) and a Supervisor of Student Teachers (2009 to 2012)

Taught Western Civilization I and II (HIST 111 and HIST 112) and World History I and II (HIST 131 and 132), and United States History to 1865 (HIST 221) to undergraduates (2 or 3 sections per semester) (2007-2018)

The College Board (Advanced Placement Program)

Advanced Placement Reader (Grader) in AP European History

2009 to 2012

History Lecturer (HSL New Bridge on the Charles, Dedham, MA and Orchard Cove, in Canton. MA)

Lecture Series and Courses to Retired Residents: Lesser Known Presidents, Competing Visions in American Life, The Pacific War, The Declaration of Independence, Wedge Issues in American Life, Voting Rights and others topics

2010 to 2018

Westwood High School (Westwood, MA)

Tenured Social Studies (History) Teacher (1981 to 2006) and Tenured Social Studies Department Chairman (1988 to 2006)

As Chairman responsible for departmental operations, student placement, budget creation, supervision of curriculum development and implementation, and developmental supervision and evaluation of departmental faculty members.

Taught the following courses: Comparative Political Systems (US/USSR), World History, Honors Modern History, Major Issues in Contemporary History, College Prep U.S. History, AP United States History (18 years) and AP European History (2 years).

Headed three K-12 Program Reviews in Social Studies (1991-93, 1998-99 and 2004-05); chaired Westwood High Governance Committee and wrote the WHS Constitution; developed the Arbitration Council to deal with major conflict resolutions (based on the Harvard Negotiations model); served as founding Vice-Chairman of the WHS Site

Council (1993-95); co-chaired Curriculum and Instruction Committee for the NEASC Accreditation (1985-86) and chaired the Steering Committee for the NEASC accreditation (1994-96), while chairing the Statement of Purpose Committee as well; served as President of the Faculty Senate and Co-Moderator of the WHS Legislative Council in 1997-98 (major revision of Student Handbook occurred); co-authored in 2005-06 the School and Community Report for the NEASC accreditation scheduled for September, 2007.

Named WHS “Teacher of the Year” (Yearbook Dedication by Class of 1990) and nominated as Massachusetts AP Teacher of the Year in 1991

Had the honor of teaching over 775 Advanced Placement students (a 25 percent average participation rate per graduating class from 1985-2004); all of them took the AP exam with 80 percent scoring “3” or better and nearly 25 percent scoring “5’s”

Helped make Westwood High into a high-achieving MEAP and MCAS scorer, as well as a top AP high school performer (47th nationwide out of 21,000 high schools in 1997)

Westwood Teachers’ Association

Provided extensive leadership as President (1980-82 and 1998-2006), Chief Negotiator (7 three-year contracts, including the 2006-09 agreement) and Grievance Chairman (5 years)

Thurston Junior High School (Westwood, MA)

Social Studies teacher (1973-81) Taught 8th Grade American History (2 years) and 7th Grade Social Science (Geography, Archaeology, Anthropology, Demography and Sociology) (8 years); served as a charter member of the 7th Grade “NOVA” (interdisciplinary) Team (1975-81) and coached basketball (1973-80)

Northeastern University (Boston, MA)

History Lecturer (1974-78) Served as an adjunct (part-time) professor in University College, teaching World Civilizations and Western Civilization to adult undergraduates

Massachusetts Army National Guard

Signal Corps Radio Operator and Team Chief (1970-76)
Sergeant (E-5), honorably discharged

REFERENCE

Emily Parks, Principal, Westwood Superintendent of Schools, 781-326-7500
Alison Donahue, Social Studies Teacher, Westwood High School, 781-326-7500
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