

Subject: Recommended appointment to Election Modernization Committee
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From: Select Board Member Joseph Curro <jcurro@town.arlington.ma.us>
Date: 02/12/2021 09:34 AM

Dear Chair Hurd,

As I had previously committed to you, I worked with Chair Jim O'Connor and Clerk Greg Dennis of the Election Modernization Committee to interview candidates for the Select Board's young adult appointee to the EMC, which I understand is scheduled for February 22.

We are pleased to forward our recommendation of Giovanna DeStefanis, whose letter of interest and resume are attached.

We have informed Ms. DeStefanis of our recommendation and put her in touch with Ms. Maher.

Regards,

Joe Curro, Vice Chair
Arlington Select Board

From: Giovanna DeStefanis <GDeStefanis2022@spyponders.com>
To: amaher@town.arlington.ma.us
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Subject: Election Modernization Committee vacancy

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Dear Ms. Maher,

My name is Giovanna DeStefanis and I am a National Honors Society junior at Arlington High School. I am in the local elections committee of the Young Progressives club and was informed of the opening and was immediately compelled to apply.

When I read the mission statement of this committee, I knew this was something that I needed to be part of. After spending time talking to disenfranchised people in Georgia and registering them to vote or providing voting information, I realised the importance of making voting information and procedures more accessible. I think I would be a perfect addition to your team.

I have attached my resume, which further details my skills and involvement in the community. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about my background. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Giovanna DeStefanis

Attachments:

File: [Election modernization resume .pdf](#) Size: 96k Content Type: application/pdf

GIOVANNA DESTEFANIS

Objective:

Responsible and hard-working junior at Arlington High School seeking position in the Town of Arlington as an Election Modernization Committee member. My passion for equal rights and my belief in democracy makes me a strong candidate.

Education:

Arlington High School in the class of 2022

Skills:

- Project management
- Teamwork
- Motivation
- Communication

Leadership:

- Self Care and Positivity Club at AHS (2020-present)
 - Founder and co-president
 - Develop and facilitate lesson plans and activities for the well-being of high school students
- Relay for Life team (2018-present)
 - Team captain helping and motivating team to raise \$4,000 for cancer patients.
- Peer mentor (2017-present)
 - Guides younger students through high school
- Antiracism Working Group (2020-present)
 - Resources for BIPOC committee
 - Research team compiling resources for marginalized groups for DEI website.
- Sunrise Arlington member (2020-present)
 - Campaign committee works to promote the Green New Deal
- Wellness Day Session (2020)
 - Facilitated discussion promoting acceptance and overall health
- Young Femenist Alliance (2019-present)
 - Planning menstrual product drive and working to ensure APS students have free products
- Card drive (2019-present)
 - Provided uplifting cards to residents of local nursing homes
- Save the Children Club (2020-present)
 - Provided children from third world countries opportunities and resources

Related to the field:

- Harvard Extension Course (summer 2020)
 - Citizen Politics in America: Public Opinion, Elections, Interest Groups, and the Media
 - Online course about the general public's role in politics
- Phonebank Georgia runoff election (fall/winter 2020)
 - 18 hours with Reclaim Our Vote, The Center for Common Ground
 - Contacted under-represented voters to fully participate in democracy
- Phonebank General Election (summer/fall 2020)
 - 26 hours with The Center for Common Ground and Joe Biden's campaign
 - Facilitated and provided election and polling information
- Postcard (2020)
 - Contacted residents of Pennsylvania, Arizona, and Georgia
 - Encouraged citizens to use their power to vote
- MassACDA Virtual Workshop (October 2020)
 - Trained with Dr. Anthony Trecek-King about social justice and moving the country forward
- Young Progressives (2020-present)
 - Local election committee
 - Expanding knowledge of Arlington's politics

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February 12, 2021

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Re: Appointment: Election Modernization Committee

Dear Ms. DeStefanis:

As a matter of the standard appointment procedure, the Select Board requests that you attend a virtual meeting of the Select Board conducted by remote participation, on Monday, February 22nd at 7:15 p.m.

It is a requirement of the Select Board that you join this virtual meeting. This will give the Board an opportunity to meet and discuss matters with you about the area of activity in which you will be involved.

Information which includes the link to the meeting will be available at the bottom of the Select Board Agenda as well as on the Town Calendar when the meeting is posted Thursday, February 18th by 7:00 p.m.

Please contact this office by e-mail, amaher@town.arlington.ma.us, if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,
SELECT BOARD

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Marie A. Krepelka'.

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator