

Philip Tedesco
Statement of Interest
Arlington Tree Committee

I've lived in Arlington since our older daughter was an infant, and many of my happiest memories with my family are from times spent under Arlington's tree canopy – picnics at Magnolia Park, biking down the Minuteman Bikeway, exploring at Menotomy Rocks Park, and spending late afternoons at the playground behind the Robbins Library.

These experiences in Arlington have made me want to work to grow more trees in places that need them. Over the past six or seven months, I've begun organizing my neighbors and fellow parents to take care of the trees around Thompson School and working to have additional trees planted around Thompson and North Union Park. Around 20 families volunteered over the past year to weed, mulch or water the trees, and we will be redoubling our efforts each year as more trees are planted. This work, and the outpouring of volunteer energy and enthusiasm from the community, have been inspiring for me to want to become more involved in the Tree Committee's efforts throughout the town.

In this same time, I've also had the opportunity to learn more about the Arlington Tree Committee's great work for the town and experienced first-hand how important their help can be. The Tree Committee meetings always leave me feeling excited about the possibilities for growing our tree canopy and grateful for the members and their work, and, as I've started the work around Thompson, members of the Tree Committee have answered questions, put me in touch with others, coordinated volunteers and given me guidance, advice, and encouragement.

I hope to join the Arlington Tree Committee and contribute to its efforts to leave our kids and town an even greater tree canopy to enjoy for generations to come.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Goulston & Storrs PC, Boston, MA

2010–present

Attorney

Represent developers, owners, lenders and investors in connection with a variety of commercial real estate transactions and development, including acquisitions, dispositions, financings, and joint ventures involving retail, multi-family, office, life sciences and mixed-use projects located throughout the United States.

Milton High School, Milton, MA

2009–2010 school year

Debate Coach

Together with a full-time teacher at Milton High School, started a debate team at Milton High School and coached the team throughout the school year.

Fenwick High School, Oak Park, IL

2004–2006

Teacher

Taught Comparative Religions, Western Civilization, Economics and Latin I–II to high school students and coached the chess team for the 2005–2006 school year.

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 2009

Ames Moot Court, Finalist and Best Brief

Tufts University, M.A., History, 2004

Thesis: *News, Feminism, and the Italian Women's Movement*

University of Notre Dame, B.A., History, *summa cum laude*, 2002

PERSONAL

I am the happy and very lucky father of 4 young children, ages 1–8. Outside of work and time with my family, I enjoy playing pick-up basketball at the Arlington Boys and Girls Club and riding my bike to work.