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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 28, 2019

TO: Board Members

SUBJECT: Appointment to the LGBTQIA + Rainbow Commission

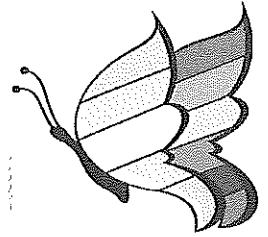
This memo is to request the Board's approval of my appointment of Ari Leigh, Arlington, MA, to the LGBTQIA + Rainbow Commission, with a term expiration of 6/30/2022.


Town Manager

Ari Leigh

They/Them/Theirs

Diversity Educator and Community Builder



EXPERIENCE

LGBTQ Educator, Advocate, and Community Builder

2011 - PRESENT

Presented more than 50 workshops in these major areas:

- Forming transformative communities of safe discomfort
- How to navigate experiencing discrimination
- Collaboration across intergenerational and intersectional communities

Hotline Worker, Safe Passage, Northampton, MA

2015 - 2016

- Answered hotline calls
- Screened applicants for Safe Passage domestic violence shelter
- Assisted and improved training for new hotline volunteers

Camp Counselor / [Head] Lifeguard

2013 - 2015

- Developed LGBTQ intersectional programming
- Mentored campers on gender and sexual identity development
- Facilitated activities
- Managed waterfront safety

Court-Appointed Special Advocate, Emporia, KS

2011 - 2013

Worked on behalf of children in family court by investigating their situation using interviews, visits, and professional reports. Synthesized that research to advocate for their best interest to the court

EDUCATION

Emporia State University, Emporia, KS

- Masters of Library Science, 2013
- Bachelor of Science, 2011
 - Crime and Delinquency Studies
 - Information Resource Studies

Universidad de Murcia, Murcia, Spain

2007

Studied the Spanish language, culture, and business customs through cultural immersion

FOCUS AREAS

Building community through helping people recognize and understand inadvertent discrimination and find more inclusive language and policies.

Experience with professional collaboration in the fields of law enforcement, library science, and social service.

TRAINING

Lifeguarding/First-Aid/CPR/AED 2016

Anti-Racism Training (Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut) 2013

Mental Health First Aid USA 2012

Court Appointed Special Advocate Volunteer Training 2011

Domestic Violence Summit 2012

Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect 2012

Child Abuse Prevention Summit 2012

Emergency Management Institute 2011

PUBLICATIONS

Leigh-Bullard, A. (2014). Through the Grave: A Story of Transition & Resurrection. In *Kissing in the Chapel Praying in the Frat House*.

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August 26, 2019

Ari Leigh

Arlington, MA 02474

Re: Appointment: LGBTQIA+ Rainbow Commission

Dear Mx. Leigh:

As a matter of the standard appointment procedure, the Select Board requests that you attend a meeting of the Select Board at Town Hall, Select Board Chambers, 2nd Floor, 730 Massachusetts Avenue, on Monday, September 9th at 7:15 p.m.

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

Please contact this office to confirm the date and time with Fran, Ashley, or Lauren at the above number.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,
SELECT BOARD

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

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator

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