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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 7, 2020

TO: Board Members

SUBJECT: Appointment to the LGBTQIA+Rainbow Commission

This memo is to request the Board's approval of my appointment of, Susan Ryan-Vollmar, Arlington, MA, to the LGBTQIA+Rainbow Commission, with a term expiration date of 01/31/2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adam W. Chapdelaine".

Town Manager



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SUSAN RYAN-VOLLMAR

P r i n c i p a l

WORK EXPERIENCE

Principal, Influence Consulting
(2010 – Present)

Director of Communication and
Interactive Technology, Blue Cross
Blue Shield of MA Foundation
(2008 – 2010)

Editor-in-Chief, Bay Windows and
South End News
(2005 – 2008)

News Editor, Boston Phoenix
(1999 – 2004)

Supplements Editor, Boston Phoenix
(1996-1999)

EDUCATION

Boston University
Master of Science, Journalism (1993)

University of New Hampshire
Bachelor of Arts, English (1986)

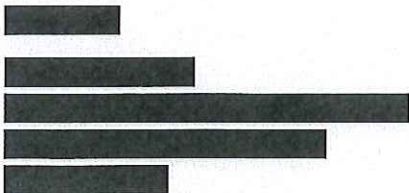
SUMMARY

Susan Ryan-Vollmar has worked for 25 years in media and communications. Since 2010 she has run [Influence Consulting](#), a communications consultancy that brings public attention to social justice issues ranging from LGBTQIA+ equality and ending sexual violence to the need for greater access to health care, the arts, and education. Highlights of her consultancy include leading the media advocacy campaign that helped shape public debate prior to passage of the 2011 transgender equal rights law and bringing international attention to the Boston Gay Men's Chorus's historic tour of the Middle East in 2015. She contributes occasional opinion pieces on culture and politics to [WGBH News](#).

AWARDS

2016, Lifetime achievement "[History Maker](#)" award from The History Project for work as editor-in-chief of Bay Windows from 2004 to 2008, when she led the paper's coverage of the fight for marriage equality, and for her work as news editor of the Boston Phoenix, when she oversaw the paper's investigative reporting in 2000 and 2001 exposing the abuse of children by priests taking place within the Boston Archdiocese.

2016, [Excellence in NonProfit Communications](#) award from the Massachusetts NonProfit Network for designing and implementing the communications plan for the Boston Gay Men's Chorus 2015 tour of the Middle East.



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May 7, 2020

Susan Ryan-Vollmar
Arlington, MA 02474
via email: susan@influenceconsulting.net

Re: Appointment: LGBTQIA+Rainbow Commission

Dear Ms. Ryan-Vollmar:

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, May 18th 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 Zoom 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, May 14th by 7:00 p.m.

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

Thank you.

Very truly yours,
SELECT BOARD

Marie A. Krepelka
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Board Administrator

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