

July 20, 2022

Jillian Harvey
Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Division
Town of Arlington, Health and Human Services
27 Maple Street
Arlington, MA 02476

Dear Jill,

As a fourteen year resident of the Town of Arlington, a parent of a non-binary student at the Gibbs School, a town employee and counselor at Arlington Youth Counseling Center, and a member of the LGBTQ+ community, I am submitting my letter of interest to join the Rainbow Commission as a volunteer applicant. I have attended several meetings of the Rainbow Commission, volunteered at two Pride events here in Arlington, and have felt welcomed and valued while doing so. Additionally, I have engaged in the Racial Justice Teach In series sponsored by the Town of Arlington, and am committed to the work of social justice.

I bring the strengths of connecting and building community within my own social circles as well as within my clinical role at AYCC, where I actively engage with my fellow clinicians and teachers to create safe and brave spaces for folx who identify as LGBTQ+. I work primarily in the Gibbs and Ottoson schools in AYCC's Project Success program, and part of the support I provide to my LGBTQ+ clients is to advocate for and educate families of these young people who are on the path of self-discovery. My clients see a professional non-binary person who is out and proud, listens to them, and helps them speak truth in a world that can be both parts welcoming and outright discriminatory.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Resume