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The Honorable Victoria Jackson-Stanley
City of Cambridge
City Hall
410 Academy Street
Cambridge, Maryland 21613

Dear Mayor Jackson-Stanley:

It is my understanding that the City is seeking a qualified person to fill the Alternate's position on the Historic Preservation Commission, and I am writing to express my interest in serving.

I am qualified to hold the position of HPC alternate based on my education and professional training. I have a graduate degree in Historic Preservation from Delaware State University. I also served as the Planning Assistant for the City of Cambridge, where I provided staff support to the Commission for two years. My duties included reviewing applications and making recommendations to the Commission based on our local historic preservation guidelines and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation. I am thus well versed in the provisions of our local preservation legislation as well as those of the state and federal programs. As staff support to the Commission, I gained specific, hands-on knowledge of local vernacular and formal building styles and construction techniques, as well as an understanding of the Commission's procedural requirements and the manner in which it should operate in relation to the staff, applicants, and the general public. In addition to my professional activities, I volunteer as the secretary to the Harrisville/Malone Cemetery Maintenance Fund of Malone's Church in Madison, Maryland, and the vice president of Historic Cambridge, Incorporated. I have previously volunteered as a walking tour docent with the West End Citizen's Association in Cambridge, Maryland.

Having grown up in Cambridge, I have a deep appreciation for its rich architectural heritage and a commitment to preserving it. I feel that our historic resources are among our most important economic and community development assets, as they form the basis for a distinctive and livable city that will continue to attract new businesses, residents, and visitors.

I am passionate about historic preservation and dedicated to preserving the cultural and architectural history of Cambridge. I strongly believe, based on my education and experience, that I will be an asset to the Commission and to the City.

I am enclosing my resume with this letter for your consideration. I can be reached by cell phone at 410-699-0053 if you have any questions or wish to discuss this expression of interest.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: resume

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EXPERIENCE

AUGUST 2018 – PRESENT

ART TEACHER, DORCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Plans and executes lessons aligned with Maryland state standards for art education.

AUGUST 2017 – AUGUST 2018

LIBRARY ASSOCIATE, TALBOT COUNTY FREE LIBRARY

Provided a wide range of reference, circulation, and outreach services to the public.

APRIL 2015 – JULY 2017

PLANNING ASSISTANT, CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Served as liaison to the Historic Preservation Commission and the Board of Appeals. Provided staff support to the City Planner and Planning Commission.

EDUCATION

DECEMBER 2014

MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE, HISTORIC PRESERVATION; DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY, WILMINGTON, DE

MAY 2012

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE, ART HISTORY; WASHINGTON COLLEGE, CHESTERTOWN, MD

ACTIVITIES

- **2018-Present**
VICE PRESIDENT, Historic Cambridge, Inc.
- **2017-Present**
SECRETARY, Harrisville/Malone Cemetery Maintenance Fund
- **2015-2017**
DOCENT, West End Citizens Association

SKILLS

archival research, verbal and written communication, grant writing, visual art education, and Microsoft office suite
