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Select Board/Town Mgr. Town of Longmeadow

APPLICATION for

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Appointment or Re-Appointment to Longmeadow Boards/Committees/Commissions

DEC 31 2019

Name: Levine Joshua (last) (first)

Date: 12/19/19 RECEIVED

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Cell: 202-491-4590

Registered Voter in Longmeadow: X yes ___ No Number of years living in Longmeadow: 2

The Annual Town Report, available at the Town Clerk's office, Library and on the town's website, www.longmeadow.org describes the duties and activities of each committee. The website also has a list of committees and their responsibilities, as well as an appointed committee handbook.

Note the vacancy you are applying for and attach a resume if available:

- Audit Committee, Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Cable Advisory Committee, Capital Planning Committee, Community Preservation Committee, Conservation Commission, Council on Aging Board of Directors, Cultural Council, Finance Committee, Historic District Commission, Historical Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, Recycling Commission, Town Meeting Rules Committee, Tree Committee, William Goldthwait Fund Trustees, Zoning Board of Appeals, X Other (List): Planning Board

1. List current or past memberships on Longmeadow Boards/Committees/Commissions: None

2. List all local civic, non-profit or other organizations that you and your immediate family belong to: Longmeadow Dads Club - board member; Hampden County Bar Association, Katie Allen (wife) - Longmeadow Moms Club; Moms Demand Action

3. Identify any possible conflicts of interests (see "Conflict of Interest Law" link posted on the website): I practice law in East Longmeadow with a robust real estate and commercial transaction practice. Myself and the firm are often in front of local boards, including planning boards, but have appeared before the Longmeadow planning board neither often nor recently.

4. Do you have a working relationship with any members of the Board you are applying for:

None.

5. Current Employer Self-employed - Levine Law, 56 Somers Road, East Longmeadow, MA

6. Position/Job Description Attorney - real estate, estate planning and administration, business licensing.

7. Does your employment pertain to the Board you are applying for? Yes no.

If yes, please explain As a real estate attorney, I am familiar with zoning bylaws, subdivisions, site plan reviews, special permits and the accompanying procedures. My firm regularly advises clients re the same and appears before local planning boards.

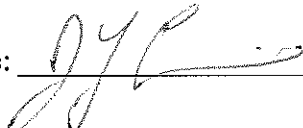
8. Do you know any members of the Board you are applying for? Yes No

If yes, please explain _____

9. Are you familiar with the work that the Board you are applying for does? Please elaborate

Yes. As explained above, I am familiar with local zoning bylaws due to my work as a real estate

attorney and myself and my firm appear before local planning boards and meet with town officials.

10. Applicant signature: 

Thank you for applying.

Attach additional pages if necessary.

Return application to the Town Manager/Select Board office located at 20 Williams Street.

Applications will remain on file for one fiscal year (July 1 – June 30).

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December 19, 2019

Longmeadow Select Board
Marie Angelides, Chair
Longmeadow Planning Board
Walter Gunn, Chair
20 Williams Street
Longmeadow, MA 01106

Dear Ms. Angelides and Mr. Gunn:

I am seeking consideration for appointment to the temporary vacancy on the Longmeadow Planning Board, as announced on December 9, 2019. I moved with my wife and three young children to Longmeadow in March 2018, after spending 18 years in Washington, D.C. I grew up in East Longmeadow and have been overjoyed at my return to Western Massachusetts.

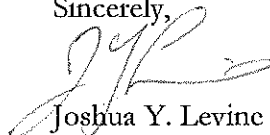
My career experience lends itself well to a position on the Longmeadow Planning Board. After litigating in Washington for 10 years, most recently with the Department of Justice, I joined my father's small law practice in East Longmeadow. Much of our work is focused on residential and commercial real estate transactions, giving me an understanding of and appreciation for local zoning bylaws and the myriad procedures that go with them. We often appear in front of local planning boards and meet with town officials to discuss our client's wishes and to address any concerns.

As an attorney that practices in front of local boards and commissions, I believe that openness and consistency are key. Town residents must feel that everyone that comes before town authorities is treated equally and that past decisions guide future ones. This is especially true with planning boards, with their oversight over residential and commercial development and consequential influence on the makeup of the town. As a member of the Longmeadow Planning Board, I would seek to uphold these important duties.

Finally, I would like to address any potential concerns regarding conflicts of interest. Our firm has only rarely, and not recently, represented clients before the Longmeadow Planning Board. I would, of course, abide by the conflict of interest rules by recusing myself from decisions involving clients and would not appear before the board in a representative capacity.

I look forward to meeting with the Select Board and Planning Board to further discuss my credentials and my interest in contributing to the Longmeadow Planning Board's important public service mission. I may be contacted by phone at (202) 491-4590 or by email at jylevine@gmail.com. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Joshua Y. Levine

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EMPLOYMENT

LEVINE LAW

Attorney

East Longmeadow, MA

April 2018-Present

- Real Estate: Represent clients in residential and commercial property transactions, from offer to financing approval to closing.
- Estate Planning: Assist clients in planning for retirement and beyond, including drafting wills, trusts, and powers of attorney.
- Commercial Transactions/Licensing: Serve clients at every step of commercial transactions, including applications for licenses and permits.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, TAX DIVISION

Trial Attorney

Washington, DC

November 2014-March 2018

- Promoter Injunctions: Litigated large promoter injunction cases involving thousands of documents and dozens of witnesses, leading to injunction and disgorgement judgments against over twenty defendants in the Southeast United States.
- Tax Controversies: Conducted every aspect of litigation against delinquent taxpayers to reduce liabilities to judgment and enforce federal tax liens against properties. Defended the United States in refund suits by taxpayers claiming improper levies.

HOLLINGSWORTH LLP (SPRIGGS & HOLLINGSWORTH)

Associate

Washington, DC

Summer 2007, September 2008-October 2014

- Products Liability: Manage and develop defense of product liability cases by conducting fact investigations of plaintiffs' claims, taking depositions of treating physicians and plaintiffs, preparing expert witnesses, working as a member of multiple trial teams in various capacities including drafting dispositive motions, *Daubert* motions, and motions *in limine*, and researching and preparing memoranda on varied state and federal legal issues.
- Government Contracts: As member of litigation team seeking conversion of termination for default against the federal government, conducted legal and factual investigations and drafted discovery requests and complaints.

EDUCATION

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

Juris Doctor With Honors, May 2008

Washington, DC

- Winner: Alternative Dispute Resolution Negotiation Competition, Fall 2005
- Student instructor: Legal Research and Writing, Fall 2007-Spring 2008

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Arts in English, May 2004

Washington, DC

- Study Abroad: *Goldsmiths, University of London*, Spring 2003

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

- Massachusetts, District of the District of Columbia