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# City of Newton, Massachusetts

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April 24, 2023

Honorable City Council Newton City Hall 1000 Commonwealth Avenue Newton, MA 02459

To the Honorable City Councilors:

I am pleased to appoint Alexandra Fuchs of 99 Lincoln Street, Newton Highlands 02461 as a Newton Library Trustee. Her term of office shall expire on June 30, 2028 and her appointment is subject to your confirmation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warmly,

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#### Newton, MA Boards & Commissions

# Submit Date: Apr 20, 2023

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#### **Application Form**

Profile				
Alexandra	J	Fuchs		
First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name		
Email Address				
99 Lincoln Street				
Home Address			Suite or Apt	
Newton Highlands			MA	02461
City			State	Postal Code
What Ward do you live in	?			
Vard 6				
Primary Phone	Alternate Phone			
n/a				
Employer	Job Title			
Which Boards would you	I like to apply for?			
Library Trustee: Submitted				
Interests & Experiences	3			

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

# Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

Having lived in Newton Highlands for more than 18 years, I have personally benefited from having a robust and wonderfully maintained free library in my neighborhood, and would welcome the opportunity to help sustain the library as a strong a vibrant community resource. I grew up in New York City and frequented the public libraries of NY as a child, student and adult. In Newton, my husband and I brought our daughters to many of the family programs and now as high-schoolers they often bike to the library on their own. Our care givers over the years including au pairs took ESL classes at the library and enjoyed having access to the welcoming spaces. I believe that the free access is vital to increasing equity for all Newton residents. I would be honored to offer my experiences in the for-profit and non-profit sectors in marketing, sales and communications, as well as in fund-raising, donor engagement and community outreach to the Library board and greater community.

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Alexandra J Fuchs

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (BSO)**

Boston, MA 2018-2022

#### Chief Operating Officer and Vice President, Marketing, Sales & Communications

- Led team of 50+ professionals in Corporate Sponsorships, Education & Community Engagement, Event Services, Marketing and Ticketing, Front of House, Customer Service, Public Relations, and Publications.
- Responsible for \$45 million in earned and \$5 million in contributed revenue from corporate partners. Earned revenue included ticket sales for the BSO subscription season, Holiday Pops, Spring Pops and Tanglewood, and ancillary income from print and screen advertising, function rentals, food & beverage, and merchandise.
- Determined 20+ staff reductions during pandemic and helped to rebuild teams when concerts resumed.
- Served as executive sponsor for new website, improving transaction path and user experience. Launched new site on schedule and within budget; overall conversion rate doubled from 2% to 4% vs. prior year.
- Restructured marketing team in 2019 to be digital first, data-driven, patron-centered and ROI focused.
- Led organization-wide Cultural Assessment, including cross-cohort Steering Group comprised of musicians, staff and board members and engagement of outside counsel, to create the institution's EDI Imperatives.
- · Served on the boards of ArtsBoston, Project STEP and The Fenway Alliance.

#### **BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF BOSTON (BGCB)**

#### Chief Advancement Officer and Executive Vice President, Development

- Member of senior management team for BGCB, serving more than 16,000 youth in Boston and Chelsea.
- Led 18-person team in securing \$18 million in annual revenue, more than 75% percent of BGCB's annual operating budget, through individual, corporate and foundation contributions.
- Managed planning and implementation of BGCB's Opening Doors comprehensive campaign. Launched leadership phase in 2012 with goal of \$125 million over five years; raised \$100 million by 2015. Secured \$11 million to renovate South Boston Club and \$5 million to build and staff new Mattapan Teen Center.
- Launched the Artemis Circle, a women's donor group, introduced a Family Engagement Series, and expanded the Friends Council, a young professional's group.
- Redesigned positions in corporate giving, major gifts, planned giving, operations and stewardship functions.
- Provided guidance and support to staff and advisory boards of 11 Clubs and YouthConnect on local fundraising efforts, engaging alumni and connecting donors of all levels with activities in the Clubs.

#### **BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (BSO)**

#### Director of Annual Funds and Donor Relations (2004-2010)

- Responsible for revenue of \$9+ million annually from 12,000 individuals for Boston Symphony, Boston Pops and Tanglewood Annual Funds. Led staff of 10, restructured annual funds and donor relations teams.
- Developed strategy for annual solicitations to 240 BSO board members and conducted 30+ solicitations for multi-year gifts to comprehensive campaign.
- Conceived of and championed two-year Boston Challenge, with \$250,000 per year incremental support from board members. Challenge drove growth of Annual Funds by 9% in FY2007 and 6% in FY2008.

#### Manager of Tanglewood Annual Funds (2002-2003)

• Secured annual revenues of over \$3.5 million in individual and corporate giving for Tanglewood.

Boston, MA 2010-2015

Boston, MA 2002-2010

# **UNILEVER**

# **UNILEVER COSMETICS INTERNATIONAL (UCI)**

# Director of Global Marketing (1998-2002)

- Launched BCBGirls, the first fragrance collection from designer Max Azria, in 1,500 stores in US/Canada.
- Complete oversight for fragrance line positioning, pricing, packaging, collateral, and advertising strategy. .
- Managed licensor and senior management approval process on all aspects of BCBG launch; developed and presented launch plans to sales force, top US accounts, sales training schools and UCI global affiliates.
- ٠ Transferred to Geneva for 15 months to restructure Export Marketing Department, hiring and training team. Developed blueprint for Export Marketing strategy in 20 distributor markets with net sales of \$75 million.

#### **UNILEVER HOME & PERSONAL CARE USA**

## Associate Brand Manager, Wisk Detergent and Snuggle Fabric Conditioner (1996-1998)

- Managed new variant launch and packaging re-stage, enabling Snuggle to maintain #2 market position
- Led 30-person team in packaging initiative for key account, resulting in quarterly sales growth of 47%.

# **DEBEVOISE & PLIMPTON**

**Corporate Transactions Legal Assistant** 

- Directed standardization of foreign counsel legal requirements for \$1 billion US cross-border refinancing. ٠
- Designed and implemented new client billing system to coordinate and consolidate firm-wide invoicing.

# NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC

## **Public Relations/Marketing Intern**

Created system to track summer concert data (attendance, weather, merchandise sales) subsequently utilized for future planning.

# **EDUCATION**

THE WHARTON SCHOOL AND THE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES					
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA	Philadelphia, PA				
MBA, Individualized Major in Multinational Marketing and Strategy	May 1996				
MA with honors, The Joseph H. Lauder Institute of Management and International Studies					
<ul> <li>President, Wharton Arts Enthusiasts Club; Member, Marketing Club</li> </ul>					

# STANFORD UNIVERSITY

BA in Comparative Literature with Honors and Distinction; Stanford in Florence (1989-1990)

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Cellist in community orchestras in Greater Boston, New York, Paris, Geneva, and Tel Aviv. •
- Member of Board of Advisors, Celebrity Series of Boston; serve on Patron Engagement Committee. .
- Facilitator, Wharton Women's Circle; lead monthly meetings for New England-based Wharton alumnae. •
- Volunteer, "TBE Table;" prepare 300+ meals weekly for distribution across Greater Boston. ٠
- Fluent French; proficient Italian; Universitaire de Paris (Sorbonne) French Language Diploma.

New York / Paris, France

New York, NY

Summer 1990

Stanford, CA June 1991

1991-1994