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March 14, 2022

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

To the Honorable City Councilors:

I am pleased to appoint Jennifer Pucci of 22 Florence Court, Newtonville 02460 as an associate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Her term of office shall expire on April 19, 2023 and her appointment is subject to your confirmation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warmly,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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Application Form

Profile

Jennifer C Pucci
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

pucci.jennifer@gmail.com
Email Address

22 Florence Court
Home Address Suite or Apt

Newtonville MA 02460
City State Postal Code

What Ward do you live in?

[x] Ward 2

Home: (978) 689-5706
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Boston University Office of the
General Counsel Associate General Counsel
Employer Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Zoning Board of Appeals: Submitted

Interests & Experiences

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

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

My name is Jenn Pucci, and I have been a resident of Newtonville since 2010. My husband and I have three children (ages 4, 7, and 9), two of whom currently attend Horace Mann (our third child will start kindergarten at HM next fall). I am an attorney by profession. I recently had the privilege of working for the City directly, as the primary litigator in the City's Law Department between 2018-2021. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to do this work, and through it to better understand the City's operations and to work closely within my own community. Prior to this work, I served as a public defender for nine years at the Federal Defender Office in Boston and worked as a litigation associate at Ropes & Gray. In the fall of 2021, I accepted a new position in the Office of the General Counsel at Boston University, where my practice is focused on general civil litigation, labor, and employment matters. I am interested in serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals because I believe strongly in public service, and I would like to stay involved with and contribute to the City going forward. I believe I would be well suited for a role on the Board given my professional training and background, as well as my experience working with the City. I have made it a priority to be involved in my community, particularly in direct service work. I currently serve as the Board Chair of Newton Neighbors, a local mutual aid group that provides assistance to persons in need in Newton and surrounding communities, with a particular focus on addressing food insecurity.

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Associate General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Boston University,
Boston, MA

2021 - PRESENT

- Manage general civil litigation portfolio and counsel internal clients on a variety of employment and labor relations issues

Assistant City Solicitor, City of Newton Law Department, Newton, MA

2018 - 2021

- Lead in-house litigation attorney for the City of Newton, handling all aspects of federal and state litigation from filing through resolution. Cases included civil rights, First Amendment, employment, disability discrimination, wage and hour, and tort claims
- Successfully tried whistleblower case to jury verdict in Middlesex Superior Court in March 2021 (*Kovacs v. Newton Public Schools*, Docket No. 1581cv05863)
- Counsel internal clients, including the City's Human Resources Department, on a variety of matters, including employment issues, COVID-related policy changes, and ADA accommodations

Assistant Federal Public Defender ('14-'18); Temporary Assistant Federal Public Defender ('13-'14); Research and Writing Attorney ('09-'13), Federal Public Defender Office, Boston, MA

2009 - 2018

- Lead attorney managing caseload of 20-40 cases (including firearms, financial crimes, narcotics, public benefits fraud, and immigration matters) from indictment through trial and sentencing in Federal District Court
- Oversee complex investigations involving witness interviews, obtaining records, site visits, and direction of paralegals, research attorneys, and investigators assigned to each case
- Serve as Federal Defender Office representative to the RISE Program, a collaborative court committee that provides restorative justice and other rehabilitative programming to eligible offenders as an alternative to incarceration

- Lead training sessions on restorative justice and the RISE program for federal defense bar

Associate, Litigation Department, Ropes & Gray, Boston, MA

2008 - 2009

Law Clerk, The Honorable Brian L. Burgess, Vermont Supreme Court, Montpelier, VT

2007 - 2008

EDUCATION

University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA

J.D. 2007

Cornell University, College of Arts & Sciences, Ithaca, NY

B.A. 2003

BAR ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts, 2008

Vermont, 2008

Admitted to the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts (2008); First Circuit Court of Appeals (2015).

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Newton Neighbors, Inc., Newton, MA

Member, 2020 - PRESENT; Board of Directors, 2021 - PRESENT; Board Chair, July 2021 - PRESENT

- Founding Board member and member of Governance Committee.
- Newton Neighbors is a grassroots, all-volunteer mutual aid group formed in March 2020 to facilitate community connection, mutual aid, and access to resources and supports for all people who live, work, pray, play, and/or learn in Newton and surrounding communities.