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Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
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To the Honorable City Councilors:

I am pleased to reappoint Jane Brown of 104 Atwood Avenue, Newtonville, 02460 as a member of the Commission on Disability. Her term of office shall expire on July 31, 2025 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

Jane _____ Brown _____
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

_____ _____
Email Address

104 Atwood Ave. _____
Home Address Suite or Apt

Newtonville _____ MA _____ 02460 _____
City State Postal Code

What Ward do you live in?

Ward 2

_____ _____
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Retired _____ Speech Language Pathologist _____
Employer Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Commission on Disability: 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?

I would like to remain on the Commission on Disability for another term. You already have my resume.

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Upload a Resume

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COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

My goal is to be reappointed as a Commissioner to the Newton Human Rights Commission.

Profession: Speech Language Pathologist. Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech and Language Pathology.

Education: BS, MS, CAGS Boston University.

Employment: Revere Public Schools, 1972 through 2001.

Duties: Direct therapeutic services to children, Core evaluation team member, Diagnostics, Consultation and Collaboration with classroom teachers, Parental involvement, Building based support team, Supervision of Speech assistants, and University students.

Professional Associations: Massachusetts Teachers Association, National Education Association, Council for Exceptional Children, Federation for Children with special needs, American Speech and Hearing Association (State Education and Advocacy Leader), Massachusetts Speech and Hearing Association.

Memberships: Amnesty International, Native American Rights Fund, Southern Poverty Law Center, Ward 2 democratic committee, Newton democratic party, Greenpeace, Sierra Club, Women's International league for peace and freedom, Women's Commission, Newton Dialogues on Peace and War, Massachusetts Peace Action.

I have been a member of the Mayor's Committee for people with disabilities since November of 2005 . My background in special education has made this a logical placement. This has been a rich experience for me. It gave me an opportunity to work to enable disabled people to achieve equal access to community life through our advocacy. There has been improved accessibility to public facilities, parks and recreation, commercial buildings and the streets of Newton. We have recommended \$150,000 in community block development grants to improve accessibility throughout the city. Mayor Warren has encouraged and assisted the Committee to achieve new status as a commission. This will allow the 35 year old group greater permanence with stronger opportunity to improve the lives of the disabled. My appointment to the Commission on Disabilities was confirmed by the Board of Aldermen at its March meeting on March 12, 2011.

In 1973, the Human Rights Commission was established to "ensure mutual understanding and respect among all persons in this city by promoting acceptance of diversity and combating discrimination". As a member of the advisory council and as a commissioner, I have worked to strengthen this statement. Newton continues to expand in the diversity of its population. It is essential that we protect the rights of all inhabitants, no matter what nationality, race, religion, chronological age, ability or sexual orientation. I have participated in the organization and presentation of a variety of programs: Israel Palestine, conversations for peace, Understanding immigration, reality of school desegregation, Race, the power of an illusion, Darfur awareness, civil liberties in a time of crisis and Highschool students speak out and honors and awards programs. I have a deep belief in justice, human rights and equal

opportunity, as well as access within our human community.

On December 10 the Human Rights Commission presented the annual awards to a unique couple. Dr. Arese Carrington and her husband Walter are currently residents of Newton. They have exemplified a respect and compassion for humanity. Dr. Carrington described the results of terrorism, prejudice and war and the ensuing destruction to human rights. Walter described the effects of prejudice within the suburban community. He said "It is easier to vote for a black man, than to have him living next door. Arese and Walter Carrington were inspirational. They have shown us the path. Now it is up to us to follow it.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lane A. Braun". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "L".