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From: Nancy Tavernier [ntavern@comcast.net]
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To: Acton Community Housing Corporation
Subject: LWV and VCC Volunteer Job Fair

Dear Town Board Members,

As we end a very interesting political year and begin one that should prove to be even more so, members of the League of Women Voters and the Volunteer Coordinating Committee are proposing a Town Board Volunteer Job Fair to tap into the new energies and interest in government among local residents. We need to have your board's participation to make this event successful.

Please put this date on your calendar.

On Wednesday, February 11, 2009, the League and the VCC will co-sponsor a Job Fair in room 204 of Town Hall. The event will begin with a drop in session from 7:00 to 7:30PM, where interested residents can meet town board members and gather handouts and the VCC application. At 7:30PM, the meeting will begin with an introduction from the League and the Volunteer Coordinating Committee about local government service and the application procedure. A representative of each board will be asked to give a 2 minute pitch describing the work of the committee, its time commitment, and its membership needs. At 8:15PM the presentations and questions will wrap-up to allow a representative of each board to sit at tables to take specific questions from interested citizens. The event will end at 9:00PM.

We are requesting a commitment from your board even if you have a full membership at this time. Most boards can accommodate associate members who can participate and learn about the work of the committee, ready to step up when an opening occurs. We would also request that your board prepare a one page handout that describes your work and time commitment and gives contact information and meeting schedules for those who may want to consider different opportunities. We need to have a representative of each board in attendance, preferably the Chair.

We think the time is now for finding new, previously untapped leaders in the community or even attracting those who have served in the past and may wish to return to public service. Many people will be motivated to engage in community service in the coming years, why not start with your own town board?

Please respond to this email as soon as possible so we can gauge the level of interest.

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