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Citizens Commission
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Name

Jeff Clements

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Citizenship Affirmation

I am a U.S. Citizen

Residency Affirmation

I am a resident of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Statement of Intent

I intend to comply with and advance the policy established by this Act.

Statement of Interest

I am dedicated to helping to bring Americans, and the people of Massachusetts, together to pass and ratify a Constitutional amendment to combat corruption, protect the integrity of elections and government, and secure the right of all Americans to free speech, voting, representation and participation in self-government on equal terms.

I'm co-founder & president of American Promise (www.americanpromise.net), a cross-partisan/non-partisan national organization that is leading this effort for the 28th Amendment to the US Constitution. We founded American Promise in January 2016, rapidly growing to nearly 200,000 supporters and thousands of volunteer "citizen leaders" in all 50 states. We support these citizens and all who help in this cause with more than a dozen American Promise staff based in Concord and Cambridge. I also served as Chair of the People Govern Not Money/Yes on 2 Ballot Committee, helping to lead nearly a thousand volunteers and talking with as many Massachusetts voters as possible. I work for American Promise and led the ballot committee as a volunteer.

This Citizen Commission has great potential to give Massachusetts citizens a real voice in shaping this urgently needed Constitutional amendment, preparing the Commonwealth for ratification of the amendment, and setting an example to Americans in other states. The Commission also has great potential to gather necessary information about the problems the amendment will address. I would be honored to serve.

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Political Party Affiliation, if any, over the previous five years Unenrolled

City or Town where you reside CAMBRIDGE

Employment Status Employed

Occupation President

Employer American Promise

Contact

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Top Skills

Constitutional Law

Public Policy

Public Speaking

Publications

Corporations Are Not People:
Reclaiming Democracy From Big
Money & Global Corporations

Corporations Are Not People: Why
They Have More Rights Than You
Do & What You Can Do About It

Rubber Stamp SCOTUS- How
Corporations Ugly Myth Became
Law

We the People Can Overturn
Citizens United

When The Supreme Court Is This
Wrong, It's Time To Overrule Them

Jeff Clements

President at American Promise
Greater Boston Area

Summary

Jeff Clements is President of American Promise, a fast-growing, cross-partisan network of Americans working locally and nationally to win the next Amendment to the US Constitution so that citizens, not money, govern America. (<http://www.americanpromise.net/>)

He is an attorney and the author of *Corporations Are Not People* (Berrett-Koehler, 2012, 2014). His articles and opinion pieces have appeared widely, including in *US News & World Report*, *The Boston Globe*, *Salon*, *The Hill*, *Fox News*, *MSNBC* and many others. Jeff is a dynamic speaker, and has inspired and engaged national and local audiences around the country.

In addition to his work with American Promise, Jeff is Managing Partner of Whaleback Partners, LLC, which invests in entrepreneurial businesses building a sustainable local food economy. He co-founded Whaleback Partners in 2012.

An attorney, he has been a partner in the Boston law firm of Mintz Levin, and in his own firm. He also has practiced in Portland, Maine. In public service, Jeff served as Assistant Attorney General and Chief of the Public Protection & Advocacy Bureau in the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office from early 2007 to 2009. As Bureau Chief, he led more than 100 attorneys and staff in law enforcement and litigation in the areas of civil rights, environmental protection, healthcare, insurance and financial services, antitrust and consumer protection. Jeff also served as an Assistant Attorney General in Massachusetts from 1996 to 2000, where he worked on litigation against the tobacco industry and handled a wide range of other investigations and litigation to enforce unfair trade practice, consumer protection and antitrust laws.

Jeff has helped to start and been a board member of many non-profit organizations and businesses. Twitter: @ClementsJeff

Experience

American Promise Initiative, Inc.

President

January 2016 - Present

Concord, Massachusetts

American Promise is a fast-growing, cross-partisan network of Americans who believe in Constitutional rights for human beings, in equal citizenship, and in our own responsibility to make self-government work for all of us, and for generations to come. We're working together in towns and cities all over America to win the 28th Amendment to the Constitution to end the tyranny of big money and special interests in our elections and government.

In doing so, we improve the lives of our families and neighbors, reweave the fabric of our communities, and restore the voice and responsibility of all Americans to govern ourselves.

Whaleback Partners LLC

Founder

2012 - Present

Concord MA & Portland ME

Whaleback Partners provides cost-effective capital, in the form of loans and investments, to family farms and local food and agriculture businesses, primarily in New England. We are motivated by the farmers, entrepreneurs, and millions of people who are working to renew healthy communities, the land, and local and regional economies through local, human-scale, and sustainable agriculture and food.

Clements Law Office, LLC

Owner

2009 - 2012 (4 years)

Massachusetts Attorney General's Office

Chief, Public Protection & Advocacy Bureau

February 2007 - February 2009 (2 years 1 month)

Clements LLP

Partner

2003 - 2006 (4 years)

Boston

Mintz Levin
Partner
2000 - 2003 (4 years)

Massachusetts Attorney General's Office
Assistant Attorney General
1995 - 1999 (5 years)

Jensen Baird Gardner & Henry
Attorney
1989 - 1994 (6 years)
Portland, Maine Area

Education

Cornell Law School
JD, magna cum laude · (1985 - 1988)

Colby College
BA, Government, History · (1980 - 1984)