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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'm a military veteran, resident of Boston, and a technology investor and executive. When I accepted my commission in the Marine Corps, I swore an oath that I would protect and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies. This obligation carries forward. Today, I believe that our system, our lawmaking, and our political discourse are deeply affected by the role of money and that this is an adversary we must address.

Ultimately, our Republic was designed to foster both a competition of ideas and the concept that we are governed by our peers who, once elected, endeavor to find solutions for our country as a whole. As a result, everything we do on this Citizens Commission, and specifically as we look at Citizens United, should be viewed through a lens of how our actions and solutions will improve the competition of ideas and the competence of our law-making process.

If we can take this approach while maintaining allegiance to the core values enshrined in our Constitution - namely, a belief in individual liberty and respect for human dignity - then I believe Massachusetts can once again be a leader in helping to drive our American experiment forward through the results of this Citizens Commission and a proposed Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Résumé or Summary of Qualifications Upload https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.formstack.com/uploads/3282862/71887710/484018493/71887710_matthew_mcknight_resume_3.7.19.pdf

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

If multiple or other, please explain n/a

City or Town where you reside	BOSTON
Employment Status	Employed
Occupation	Biotech Executive
Employer	Ginkgo Bioworks

MATTHEW F. MCKNIGHT

professional experience

- 2018 - present **GINKGO BIOWORKS** **BOSTON, MA**
Chief Commercial Officer
Responsible for developing and executing commercial strategy and operations for leading synthetic biology engineering platform.
- Directly leading growth strategy and team development for industrial biotech division.
 - Member of senior leadership team responsible for deploying >\$400 million of equity capital.
- 2011 - 2018 **INDUS GROWTH PARTNERS** **MUMBAI and BOSTON, MA**
Partner and Head of Strategy
Developed and executed investment strategy for \$2BN India-based growth equity fund focused on acquisitions in the United States and Europe, developed deep network of South, East, and Southeast Asian commercial and governmental leadership. Conducted over 30 trips to the region.
- **National Security Investment Experience.** Managed Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), Department of State export compliance (ITAR), and Defense Security Service (DSS) processes.
 - **Deal Execution.** Led acquisition of Europe-based healthcare analytics provider, U.S.-based hospital focused research firm, and U.S.-based pharmaceutical industry data science firm.
- 2014 - 2018 **DECISION RESOURCES GROUP** **MULTIPLE GLOBAL LOCATIONS**
President
Lead all internal operations and external investment activity for leading provider of data, analytics, and information services to the global pharmaceutical, medical technology, and healthcare provider industries.
- Responsible for allocation decisions of a \$150 million operating budget and \$10 million CAPEX budget.
 - Leading over 1000 employees across 14 global offices in the U.S., Canada, Europe, Japan, Singapore, and India.
- 2005 - 2019 **UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS** **USA and AL ANBAR, IQ**
Intelligence Officer
Fifteen total years of service; deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as Active Duty officer.
- Provided over 300 analytical packages in support of “surge” operations from 2007-2009.
 - Graduated ranked as 2 of 270 students at 6-month leadership course for new officers.
- 2006 & 2014 **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE** **WASHINGTON, DC**
Analyst & Advisor, Office of the Coordinator for Counterterrorism
Served as counterterrorism analyst (2006) and advisor to the Deputy Coordinator for Operations (2010-2014).
- Deployed in support of crisis response exercises at US Embassy locations in Guyana and Malawi.
 - Contributed analysis to support Terrorist Designations Unit.
 - Represented the United States at regional biometrics technology conference in Amman, Jordan.
- 2010 - 2011 **PALANTIR TECHNOLOGIES** **PALO ALTO, CA**
Business Development Advisor
Designed and implemented market-entry strategies for leading provider of data management and analysis solutions.
- Executed market entry strategy for initial USMC deployment.
 - Performed initial outreach and market development for ~\$5MM commercial deployment in the energy industry.

education

- 2009-2012 **HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL** **CAMBRIDGE, MA**
JOHN F. KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT
Masters in Business Administration and Masters in Public Policy
- 2009-2010 *Zuckerman Fellow*, Center for Public Leadership, Harvard Kennedy School.
 - Co-chair for Outreach of HBS Middle East North Africa (MENA) Conference, Board Member of Leadership Institute at Harvard College, Vice President of HBS Hockey Club, Member of VC/PE and TechMedia Clubs.
- 2001-2005 **DARTMOUTH COLLEGE** **HANOVER, NH**
Bachelor of Arts degree, *cum laude*. Major in history, minor in government. 2010-2012 *Alfred K. Priest Fellow*. President of World Affairs Council. Presidential Scholars Program Research Assistant.
- 1998-2001 **PHILLIPS EXETER ACADEMY** **EXETER, NH**
- personal** French (limited proficiency). Interests include fly-fishing, and ice hockey. Active angel investor. Security clearance.