

City of Worcester, Massachusetts

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February 24, 2017

Thomas S. Green Public Service Awards Selection Committee
Worcester Regional Research Bureau
500 Salisbury Street
Worcester, MA 01609

Dear Selection Committee Members:

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Amanda L. Gregoire for the Thomas S. Green Public Service Awards. Ms. Gregoire has worked for the City of Worcester's Executive Office of Economic Development since February 2012. She is truly an exemplary employee: hard-working, dedicated, self-motivated, and a quick learner. Born and raised in Worcester, having attended Worcester Public Schools and Clark University, Ms. Gregoire is now a homeowner in the city. She is committed to making the city a better place day in and day out, both in her career and as a volunteer for numerous Worcester-based committees and organizations.

As a Senior Project Manager, Amanda has participated in the project management of small- and large-scale real estate development projects and various revitalization initiatives, including CitySquare, Theatre District Transformative Development Initiative (TDI), Union Station, North Main Street/Lincoln Square, Gardner-Kilby-Hammond Bike Path, DCU Center renovation, Public Art Plan, among others. She handles pressure very well, and has stepped up to meet every challenge she has been given in a professional and courteous manner.

As the primary project manager for the Theatre District TDI, Ms. Gregoire works closely with MassDevelopment. When the city applied to MassDevelopment for a TDI Fellow, Ms. Gregoire was instead asked by MassDevelopment to serve the city as an Adjunct Fellow, one of only two Adjunct Fellows in the program. In addition, Ms. Gregoire was selected to participate in the 2016 cohort of Leadership Worcester, a program for rising professionals introducing them to local leadership and public policy issues in Greater Worcester, with the goal of engaging future leaders in problem-solving and community development.

There are many nights that Amanda dedicates her own time volunteering for a number of local organizations and committees. She currently serves as a member of the City Manager's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women, Canal Diggers 5K Road Race Committee, POW! WOW! Worcester Festival Committee, and as a Corporator at the YMCA of Central Massachusetts. Past volunteer experience includes serving on the Daniel Ha Memorial Scholarship Committee, which was created to honor the life of a friend and set up an annual scholarship to a South High Community School student in perpetuity through the Greater Worcester Community Foundation. Her commitment to her community is remarkable and inspiring.

Ms. Gregoire has an exceptional work ethic. She is detail-oriented, competent and efficient in the handling all of her assigned responsibilities. She is friendly, helpful, enthusiastic, and has a cooperative attitude toward the public and her fellow employees. She goes beyond the normal job requirements, including nights and weekends, to ensure that projects stay on the right track and is always willing to lend a helping hand no matter how heavy her workload. She is a team player and works diligently to get the job done regardless of the hours. Amanda is a true professional and she is dedicated to providing excellent service to the Worcester community. She is steadfast in her public service and in truly making a difference in the city of Worcester.

I have attached three supporting letters of documentation attesting to Ms. Gregoire's community involvement outside the scope of her job-related responsibilities. As you will see documented, Ms. Gregoire has the same enthusiastic attitude outside of the office as she has in the office.

I thank you for your time and consideration of this nomination for Amanda L. Gregoire as a recipient of the 2017 Thomas S. Green Public Service Awards. If you have any questions, please contact me at (508) 799-1400 or gouldh@worcesterma.gov.

Sincerely,



Heather K. Gould

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Dear Sir/Madam:

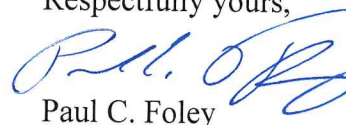
I'm writing this letter of support on behalf of Amanda Gregoire as a candidate for the Thomas S. Green Public Service Award. I'm writing in my capacity as a member of the executive committee of the Worcester Hibernian Cultural Foundation, Inc. (WHCF) and as its Director of the Canal Diggers 5k Road Race (CD5k). The WHCF is a charitable organization located at 19 Temple Street in Worcester and the CD5k is the largest annual fundraiser for the WHCF and one of the largest charitable events in the City.

Amanda joined the CD5k committee in 2015 and has been a committed member since that time. Having chaired or otherwise been involved in many charitable events in the City, it's been my experience that on each committee there are a select number of individuals who are the doers. These individuals assert themselves early, and often quietly, and quickly become the few in whom organizers trust and rely. Upon joining the CD5k committee, it quickly became apparent to me that Amanda was a doer; she took on tasks, got them done and then took on another task.

At the end of the day, however, these committees are made up of people who are there for the craic and for the back and forth that any lively committee enjoys. Truth be told, the CD5k committee, in particular, requires that its members come equipped with a good sense of humor. As luck would have it, Amada has that in spades.

For these simple, but important, qualities, I believe that Amanda Gregoire should be given due consideration as the recipient of this year's Thomas S. Green Award. I recognize, of course, that there are many qualified candidates, perhaps this year more than others. I have come to know many of the City's employees and am in awe of the talent that resides in City Hall and beyond. In my opinion, Amanda represents the very best qualities of this fine company.

Respectfully yours,



Paul C. Foley



February 20, 2017

Re: Thomas S. Green Award

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to offer strong support for Amanda Gregoire to receive the honor and recognition of the Thomas S. Green Award.

I've had the pleasure of working with Amanda on city initiatives through her duties in the office of Economic Development and as a Transformative Development Initiative fellow, where she has always gone above and beyond her responsibilities to ensure projects come to fruition in a timely manner. She is an innovator who can visualize the full potential of a project; recognizing the renaissance the City of Worcester is undergoing and engaging with local leaders, young professionals and cultural developers to ensure a strong product.

Amanda currently serves as the chair of our legal committee for the POW! WOW! Worcester public art festival and has been involved with the project since its inception. She has worked with agencies to assist with grant funding, served as a community liaison to the project, triaged on-site issues during the festival and helped to develop messaging to constituents about the event. Amanda is also working on gathering proper permitting, legal documents, easements and artist agreements for the upcoming event. In short, Amanda has been a rockstar and POW! WOW! would not be the same without her leadership, energy and enthusiasm.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of Amanda Gregoire for the honor. Please contact me at 508-871-6065 or Che@powwowworcester.com if there are any questions

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Che Anderson", is written over the word "Sincerely,". The signature is fluid and cursive, extending across the line.

Che Anderson

Director, POW! WOW! Worcester



Dr. Matilde Castiel
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Jayna Turchek, Esq.
Director of Human Rights & Disabilities

CITY OF WORCESTER
OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND DISABILITIES

Thursday February 23rd, 2017

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Dear Selection Committee Members,

Please consider this letter of support for the nomination of Amanda Gregoire for the 2017 Thomas S. Green Public Service Award.

I am the staff liaison to the City Manager's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women and have the pleasure of working with Ms. Gregoire. She is a dedicated Committee member and representative of District 5. Ms. Gregoire was appointed to a three year term to serve on the Committee by City Manager Edward M. Augustus on February 9th, 2016. City employees are welcome and encouraged to volunteer their free time to serve on a city board or commission as long as that board is classified as advisory and the work of the board does not relate to the work of the employee.

The Committee's function is to formulate, encourage, promote and monitor programs and policies relating to the status of women in the City of Worcester. Ms. Gregoire is presently spearheading organizing a social event to be hosted by the Committee for women to learn about financial planning and investment. She supports the mission of the Committee through her enthusiastic and can do attitude. She is a consensus builder and born collaborator and worked hard alongside other Committee members in the past year to complete a strategic planning process.

I am aware that the Committee work is one of many community involvement activities that Ms. Gregoire is engaged in outside her employment. She is committed and invested in the present and future of our city and well deserving of the Thomas S. Green Public Service award. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jayna Turchek
Director of Human Rights & Disabilities



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