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Objective: to find employment creating public policy proposals that create win win solutions for difficult issues. Equity and fairness are critical to this process.

Skills: clear, concise and persuasive writing, strong research abilities, and organized. Can create proposals based on goals and offer multiple solutions.

Strengths: creative, ethical, empathic, and kind

Software: InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, Powerpoint, Word, Front Page, MyEmma. Also familiarity with Excell

Public Policy

Actively participated and listened at community forums for Boston Public Schools' initiatives. Created proposals as a parent activist:

- Reducing Transitions, 2018 - suggested three possible options for grade configurations, and weighed in on Advanced Work classes
- Build BPS, 2018 - created a structure for grade configurations that would allow K-6 and K-8 schools to equally thrive in the district. Suggested priorities for the process and addressed equity issues.
- BPS Budget, 2016 and 2018 - suggestions for saving money, finding new revenue sources, and changing priorities to focus more on equity. The 2016 version is detailed and has many suggestions. The 2018 proposal is just starting.
- School Start Times, 2017 - created an initial proposal for the Transportation Challenge (a contest to generate ideas to save money on transportation at BPS), and then created a second proposal in response to parent feedback.
- School Assignment, 2013 - created three proposals. Had an impact on moving the district away from the zone model and to a home based model (one of my proposals was home based and was created independently of the MIT proposal that BPS implemented)

To read the proposals: ljgraf.com/Bio.html

Disability Rights

- promote inclusion for students in schools and in extracurriculars
- push for quiet hand dryers and toilets without automatic flush in public bathrooms for those with sensory sensitivities
- Contributed to "Outside the Lines" meetings (for parents of students with special needs) at my daughters' school and created a list of resources for families.
- Promote "Autism Acceptance Month" and try to have groups not promote "Autism Awareness Month" which is offensive to autistics
- Participated in the Online Disability March as part of the Women's March with my daughter who is on the autism spectrum

Board Memberships

Parent member of the Mission Hill K-8 Governing Board
Served on the Principal Evaluation Committee, 2016 - Present

Member of the Fensgate Cooperative Board
The Fensgate is a mixed income cooperative building, 2009 - 2011

Memberships

- Galatea Fine Arts Cooperative Gallery, 2011 - 2015
- Local Colors Cooperative Gallery, 1997 - 2002
- Symphony Garden Community Gardens, 1997 - 2002
- Victory Gardens Community Gardens, 1997 - 2009