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To Whom It May Concern:

The Community Action Agency of Somerville (CAAS) is seeking community member candidates for its volunteer Board of Directors.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominations will close on September 26, and the full list of nominees will be announced promptly thereafter.

Four seats on the board will be chosen in a city-wide election to be held from October 3 through October 13. All low-income residents of Somerville (up to 175% of the federal poverty level) are eligible to vote in these elections. Newly elected board members will be seated at the Annual Meeting to be held on October 24, 2023.

The CAAS Board is responsible for maintaining the mission, values, and financial integrity of the organization. The Board normally meets on the fourth Tuesday evening at 6:00 PM of each month (except for July and December). CAAS actively seeks to increase the racial, ethnic, linguistic, and cultural diversity of its Board.

CAAS helps local families and individuals achieve financial security while working to eliminate the root causes of economic injustice. As Somerville's federally designated anti-poverty agency, CAAS has a tripartite board structure -- one-third of board members must be low-income residents of the community, one-third must be elected officials or their representatives, and the remaining third must be be chosen from business, industry, labor, religious, law enforcement, education, or other major groups and interests in the community served.

Please send your nominations to Jordan Harris, Board President (717-327-5783 or pastor@connexionumc.org) or David Gibbs, Executive Director (617-623-7370 x102 or dgibbs@caasomerville.org) by September 26, 2023.