



# City of Concord, New Hampshire

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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JIM BOULEY  
MAYOR

TO: Members of City Council

FROM: Mayor Bouley

DATE: August 30, 2019

RE: Appointment to Committee for Concord's Plan to End Homelessness

I propose the appointment of the following individual to the Committee for Concord's Plan to End Homelessness.

- Ellen Fries, 43 Ridgewood Drive, Bow, NH. Ms. Fries letter of interest and resume are attached.

In accordance with Section 18 of the City Council Rules, this proposed appointment is being distributed to City Council as information in advance of formal action at the October 15, 2019 City Council meeting.

To: Janice Bonenfant, City Clerk  
City of Concord, NH

I am writing to express my interest in becoming a member the Steering Committee for the Plan to End Homelessness. As you can see from my resume below, I have many years of work with the Concord Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH), as well as experience with the population of people experiencing homelessness through volunteer work with the Friendly Kitchen and volunteering at the Winter Shelters for many years.

As a Board Member for CCEH, I have done a great deal of research into best practices for ending homelessness, including several in depth visits to permanent supportive housing projects in neighboring states.

I believe my knowledge of the history of efforts to address the issue of homelessness in our community, and my familiarity with the actions of CCEH will be a valuable resource for the Steering Committee as it moves the City forward in this effort to end homelessness in the greater Concord area.

I would be honored to be a part of the City committee that is working on this issue that is so important to all of us as citizens of this country and the world. I am passionate about this matter - No one should be homeless.

Sincerely,

Ellen

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## Ellen Fries

Resume for becoming a Member of the City of Concord Steering Committee for  
The Plan to End Homelessness

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### Experience:

**Volunteer with the Concord Coalition to End Homelessness:** 2008 to present  
In 2007 I began volunteering at the Cold Weather Shelter at First Church Concord.  
In 2008 I was a part of the founding of the Concord Coalition to End Homelessness.  
Served on the Board of Directors in many capacities for 10 years: Secretary twice; Co-Chair; Chair from 2015 to 2018.

Since my term ended in June of 2018 I have continued to play many roles with the Coalition and I try to fill in wherever there is a need. I have interacted with the State Bureau of Homeless and Housing, served on the Local Service Delivery Area, and worked with other service providers in the community. I do fundraising, the e-newsletter, social media outreach, community outreach, speaking engagements and whatever else comes my way. I am in close contact with the Coalition's Executive Director and Board so I am aware of decisions being made and the thought processes behind them.

**Board Member, New Hampshire Coalition to End Homelessness:** 2008 - 2011

**Volunteer - Friendly Kitchen:** many years, dinners and breakfasts.

**ESOL Tutor, Concord High School: 2002 - 2006**

Worked with students who were new to this country and to the English language, and who often had suffered great trauma in their home countries.

**Bow School Board:** Served one 3 year term.

**Director of Christian Education:** South Church UCC

Several years of planning all church school activities, ordering curricula, recruiting teachers, etc.

**Education:** B.A. in Spanish Language and Literature, 1977, cum laude  
Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH