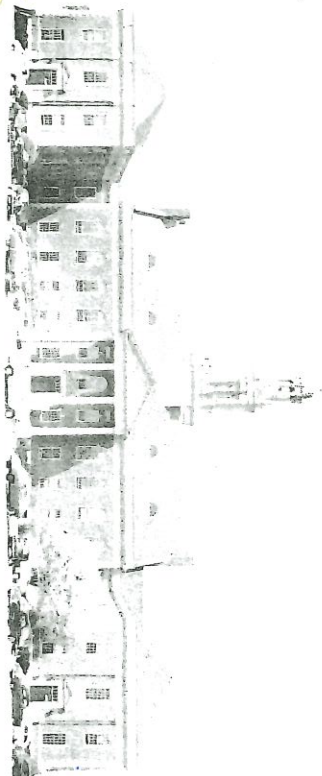


**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**City of Newton**



*Commendation*

*Girard Plante*




*In recognition of Girard Plante's long and dedicated service as a member of the City of Newton's Commission on Disability, I extend our gratitude and express our appreciation for his service to our community.*

*Girard has served on the Commission on Disability for nearly twenty years which included Co-Chair for twelve years and service on the Newton Wellesley Hospital Subcommittee of the Commission for two years.*

*Girard has achieved many accomplishments while serving on the Commission on Disability. Girard advocated for the City of Newton's first ADA Coordinator position in 2014 and helped lead the Commission through persuasion, persistence, advocacy, and knowledge to make accessibility improvements and supports throughout the City. Girard also worked tirelessly on accessibility projects with State agencies such as the MBTA, including the Riverside Station Project in 2020. As an active commissioner and advocate, Girard's community involvement has benefited both the public and private sector in countless ways.*

*In recognition of Newton resident Girard Plante's achievements, his lifetime commitment as a leader in advocating for his community and people with disabilities, and his many years of service to the City of Newton, it is fitting and proper that, on behalf of all residents of the City of Newton, I, Ruthanne Fuller, express our admiration and deep gratitude.*

July 26, 2022

  
Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor