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North Carolina League of Municipalities
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Subject: Letter of Support for Shane Fox to Join the Board of Directors of the NCLM

Dear Members of the North Carolina League of Municipalities Board of Directors
Nominating Committee,

I am writing to offer my strongest possible endorsement for the nomination of Shane Fox, Town Manager of Blowing Rock, to serve on your Board of Directors.

Having worked closely with Shane, I have witnessed firsthand his exceptional leadership, dedication, and innovative approach to municipal governance. His wealth of knowledge and experience, particularly in serving a small, but vibrant tourist town in Western North Carolina, would be an invaluable asset to your organization.

Shane's unique background as a former Finance Director and Certified Public Accountant (CPA) provides him with a strong foundation in fiscal management and strategic planning. This financial acumen allows him to operate with exceptional efficiency and make a remarkable amount of progress for the Town of Blowing Rock.

Beyond his financial expertise, Shane is a true visionary. His "outside the box" thinking is evident in his groundbreaking initiative, the Blowing Rock Academy, a childcare center designed to support town employees. This program addresses a critical need and demonstrates his commitment to innovative solutions. Furthermore, his current

efforts to develop workforce housing for town employees further highlight his forward-thinking approach and dedication to the well-being of our community.

Shane's ability to identify challenges, develop creative solutions, and implement them effectively makes him an ideal candidate for the NCLM Board of Directors. He understands the complexities of local government and possesses the leadership skills necessary to navigate them successfully. He is a collaborative leader, a skilled communicator, and a passionate advocate for the needs of municipalities across North Carolina.

I am confident that Shane Fox would make a significant and positive contribution to the North Carolina League of Municipalities Board of Directors. I wholeheartedly recommend him for this position.

Sincerely,

Rep. Ray Pickett