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Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Dwight Lake's Nomination as 2nd Vice President of the NC League of Municipalities

Dear Members of the Nominating Committee,

It is my honor to offer my full support for the nomination of Mayor Dwight Lake to serve as 2nd Vice President of the North Carolina League of Municipalities. Dwight's decades of dedicated public service, steady leadership, and deep commitment to strengthening our municipalities make him exceptionally well-qualified for this role.

Dwight has served the Town of Mayodan with distinction for more than two decades, including roles on the Mayodan Zoning Board, Town Council, and multiple terms as Mayor. His leadership reflects a thoughtful, solutions-oriented approach grounded in real-world experience and a genuine desire to serve his community. He understands the challenges municipalities face because he has lived them; and more importantly, he has worked tirelessly to address them.

His service to the North Carolina League of Municipalities is equally noteworthy. Dwight has contributed at nearly every level of the organization, including serving as Co-Chair of the Legislative Action Committee, a District 9 Board Member, a Presidential Appointee, and most recently as an At-Large member of the Board of Directors. He currently serves on the Legislative Policy Committee and the NCLM Executive Committee, demonstrating both his continued engagement and the confidence the League has already placed in his leadership.

Beyond his municipal and League involvement, Dwight brings valuable regional perspective through his service on the Piedmont Triad Regional Council of Governments, where he currently serves on the Executive Committee as Treasurer, as well as his work with the Madison-Mayodan Recreation Commission and other community organizations. These roles highlight his ability to collaborate across jurisdictions and focus on long-term, strategic outcomes that benefit entire regions, not just individual communities.

What sets Dwight apart is his consistency, integrity, and servant leadership. He leads with humility, listens with intention, and works to build consensus; qualities that are essential for effective leadership within the League. His relationships across the state, combined with his institutional knowledge and passion for municipal advocacy, position him to be an outstanding representative for North Carolina's cities and towns.

I am confident that Dwight Lake will serve with distinction as 2nd Vice President and will continue to advance the mission of the League in meaningful and impactful ways.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me should you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brittany H. Barnhardt'.

Brittany H. Barnhardt  
Mayor, Town of Granite Quarry

**Mission Statement**

*Optimizing quality of life for our community by delivering exemplary municipal services and embracing quality growth consistent with our unique sense of place and granite character.*