



# TOWN OF OAK RIDGE

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North Carolina League of Municipalities  
Board Member Nominating Committee  
434 Fayetteville Street, Suite 1900  
Raleigh NC 27601

Dear Nominating Committee:

It is my pleasure to offer my strong support for the appointment of Ann Schneider for the position of Second Vice President or District 9 seat on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina League of Municipalities. In my role as Town Manager, and previously as Planning Director, of the Town of Oak Ridge I have known and worked closely with Ann for over ten years. Ann brings a strategic vision and comprehensive approach to all of the issues and initiatives she tackles which will continue to serve the Board well.

Ann's role as an At Large member on the current NCLM Board has prepared her well to succeed in either of these positions. As Co-Chair of the Legislative Policy Committee Ann contributed valuable small-town insight to both the Municipal Perspective on Housing and Demystifying Data Centers webinars, and advocated for the importance of local autonomy in speaking against the passage of HB 765 at a meeting of the NC House Housing and Development Committee. Through these efforts, and through her active participation in NCLM Board meetings, Ann has strengthened the bridge between Oak Ridge and other local and statewide leaders.

As both Councilmember and former Mayor, Ann consistently applies her natural leadership skills to develop innovative policies and programs. In the last year Ann has played a pivotal role in the rollout of our new municipal water system and helped lead recreational and preservation projects that further the Town's strategic planning goals and preserve our town's unique identity. She also served as editor for our remarkable new book, *Historic Oak Ridge*. These projects would not have been possible without Ann's leadership and vision, or without the resources she helped secure through both grants and private fundraising.

Ann is an energetic and strategic leader who consistently puts in the time and effort to ensure success. I am certain she will continue to be a valuable addition to the NCLM Board.

Sincerely,

Bill Bruce  
Town Manager