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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 and At Large Representative 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 a Presidential Appointee on the current NCLM Board has prepared her well to succeed in these new positions. Through her active participation in NCLM Board meetings, service on the Legislative Policy Committee, and participation in various online League offerings such as the Commit to Civility program, Ann has strengthened the bridge between Oak Ridge and other local and statewide leaders.

As both Councilmember and 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 opening of the new Heritage Farm Park, with accessible playground and Veterans Honor Green, as well as the groundbreaking for a water tower to serve the Town's new municipal water system, and the coming grand opening of our historic Farmhouse Community Center. 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