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100 4th Street  
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Attn: The Women of Influence Selection Committee

I am pleased to recommend Diana Willits to be considered for the 2018 Women of Influence Award recognition. I have had the opportunity to work with Diana throughout her many years of service as a councilwoman for the City of Windsor Heights and then as the City's first female mayor.

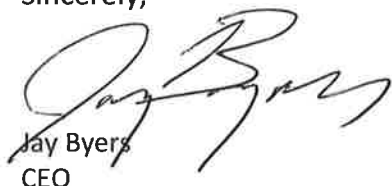
As a regional economic and community development organization, The Greater Des Moines Partnership works closely with elected officials in cities throughout the region. I have served with Diana on assorted committees and boards and have enjoyed working with her on various projects. She is a dedicated public servant who has advocated on behalf of Windsor Heights' interests while working collaboratively with the City of Des Moines and surrounding communities. She is respected for her ability to keep in mind the best interests of all.

Diana's inclusive approach, can-do attitude and infectious enthusiasm is inspirational. She also encourages women to run for public office and then is willing to serve as a mentor.

Diana's contributions do not end with her public service. For the 20 years she was a public servant, she juggled the demands of the office while raising her two daughters, including volunteering for school activities and for her church.

For these reasons and more, thank you for considering Diana as a 2018 Business Record Woman of Influence.

Sincerely,

  
Jay Byers  
CEO