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Business Record
The Depot at 4th Street
100 4th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50309


RE: 2018 Business Record Woman of the Influence Award Nomination

Dear Award Panel:

It is with great enthusiasm that I offer my recommendation For Mayor Diana Willits as a recipient of the Business Record's Women of Influence Award. Having worked with Mayor Willits during our terms as mayor for our respective communities, I was able to observe her leadership and commitment both to her community and to the Des Moines Metropolitan region. Her energy and positive approach to challenging issues have proven very impactful in promoting progress. For many years in public service, an attribute that has made Diana especially influential is her ability to initiate and guide conversations around complicated issues with various stakeholders. She has successfully facilitated problem solving with citizens, local government staff and with members of the multiple organizations with which she participates. Diana would certainly meet anyone's criteria of "influential" in the most positive of ways, by elevating conversations to action and results.

Thank you for considering Diana Willits for this honor.

Sincerely,

Ruth Randleman 

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Former Mayor City of Carlisle
2016 Business Record Women of Influence Award Recipient