

Women of Influence Committee

I am pleased to be able to provide a letter of support for Kris Saddoris.

I first became acquainted with Kris when she was with Conlin Properties and then more so when she was appointed to the Polk County Housing Trust Fund Board. She immediately impressed me with her passion, understanding and ability to articulate complex housing issues and the financing with the various projects.

I have observed her over the years in the public arena where she has been under fire and she was always very professional in her handling of the issues. A true leader is one who can bring all sides together and reach a consensus and Kris clearly has that ability. In addition, Kris is not afraid to roll up her sleeves and tackle problems that not only impact her but also the community. A prime example was the lead she took on solving a very critical "historic tax credit issue".

Kris is viewed in the community as the "go-to" affordable housing expert. She serves on several nonprofit community boards which provide affordable housing not only in the metro area, but in several Midwestern states.

Kris is viewed by many in the housing industry as a true mentor and someone others look up to. I appreciate the opportunity to provide this reference letter.

Very truly yours,

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