

# Letters of Support Introduction

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Category	Letter	About the writer
<b>Nominator</b>	Phil Hodgins, AIA Principal and CEO RDG Planning & Design	Phil is the CEO of RDG Planning & Design and nominator.
<b>Co-Nominator Client</b>	Adam Lindenlaub, AICP Planner III City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Adam was Cory's primary contact for the City of Cedar Rapids' groundbreaking and award-winning EnvisionCR plan. Adam is a co-nominator for Cory's Forty Under 40 recognition.
<b>Client</b>	David Collins Executive Director Hubbard County Economic Development Corporation	David is a respected leader for designing economic development strategies for medium to small-sized communities. David worked with Cory in Clear Lake, Iowa and Park Rapids, Minnesota.
<b>Client</b>	Larry Remmen Community and Economic Development Director City of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota	Larry worked with Cory on the Business Corridors Plan, which has resulted in significant implementation and national recognition at the APA National Conference.
<b>Client</b>	Ken Pabich County Administrator Door County, Wisconsin	Ken was the Director of Community and Economic Development for De Pere, Wisconsin for the preparation of two sensitive projects – a downtown plan and a neighborhood preservation plan.
<b>Client</b>	Steven Van Steenhuyse, AICP Development Services Director City of Mason City, Iowa	Steven has over 30 years of experience, working as a consultant, once as the planning director for the City of Clive and now as the Development Services Director for Mason City.
<b>Client</b>	Rachel Laqua Senior Planner City of Williston, North Dakota	Rachel was Cory's principal contact for the Downtown Williston Plan, which is arguable one of the most difficult environments in the country to practice planning.
<b>Client</b>	John Peterson, PE, AICP Former Planning Director City of Ankeny	Cory worked on the Ankeny Comprehensive when John was the Planning Director. Since John launched his own private practice, he has associated with Cory on projects in Windsor Heights and Marion, Iowa.
<b>Professional Society Involvement</b>	Keith Marvin, AICP Principal Marvin Planning Consultants David City, Nebraska	Keith appointed Cory to the Board of Directors for the Nebraska Chapter of the American Planning Association.
<b>Professional Society Involvement</b>	Benjamin Champ, AICP, ASLA Assistant City Manager City of Pleasant Hill	Ben is the current president of the Iowa Chapter of the American Planning Association.
<b>Civic Involvement</b>	Mike Battershell President Bergman Incentives	Mike is a notable community activist and board member for Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance, One Omaha, Nebraskans for Civic Reform, Open Nebraska, South Omaha Neighborhood

	Omaha, Nebraska	Alliance, Greater Omaha Young Professionals, and United Way of the Midlands.
<b>Civic Involvement</b>	Mark Wyatt Executive Director Iowa Bicycle Coalition	Mark leads the Iowa Bicycle Coalition, which is the leading state organization promoting safe and enjoyable recreation and opportunity for bicycling.
<b>Civic Involvement</b>	Dr. Steve Schurtz, Department of Urology Mason City Clinic (retired 2015)	Dr. Schurtz is a notable advocate (both state and national) for improving the design of the built environment to promote health and activity. Steve was on the steering committee for the Mason City Bike Plan
<b>Civic Involvement</b>	Amy Jennings Executive Director Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute	Amy is the Executive Director for the Community Leadership Program.
<b>Civic Involvement</b>	Carolyn Hepperly Executive Director Iowa Architectural Foundation	Carolyn is the Executive Director for the Iowa Architectural Foundation.
<b>Partner</b>	Jim Halverson Vice President HR Green, Inc.	Jim was the planning director for the City of Cedar Rapids before leading HR Green's planning studio. Jim partnered with Cory to design the Highway 100 corridor in Cedar Rapids.
<b>Partner</b>	Aaron Gruen and Debra Jeans Principals Gruen Gruen + Associates Chicago, Illinois	Aaron and Debra are renowned economists who have completed projects across the nation. Local projects include the Tomorrow Plan, Altoona Market Study, and recently City of Des Moines Retail Study and Kum & Go properties.
<b>Partner</b>	Eric Monroe, AIA Architect, Associate TSP, Inc. Rapid City, South Dakota	Eric and Cory were selected to complete the Deadwood Public Spaces Plan. Cory's team was picked to complete this highly competitive project.
<b>Colleague and Mentor</b>	Jim Sanders City Administrator City of Johnston	Jim is Cory's career advisor. Jim hired Cory in 1998 as the city's first planning intern.
<b>Colleague</b>	Marty Shukert, FAICP Principal RDG Planning & Design	Marty is a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners. He was the planning director for the City of Omaha before establishing RDG's Planning Studio in 1989. Marty and Cory have worked on over 125 projects.
<b>Colleague</b>	Pat Boddy, PE RDG Planning & Design	Pat collaborated on several projects with Cory. She is the former Deputy Director of the Iowa DNR and recipient of the 2015 Women of Influence and 2012 Environmental Impact Award.
<b>Colleague</b>	Gary Lozano, AICP RDG Planning & Design	Gary was the Assistant Planning Director for Des Moines before joining RDG in 2001.

## Endorsements from LinkedIn

"Cory directed and guided Buffalo's downtown plan working with community members to create a product that was visionary, punctual, and an invaluable resource for Buffalo as they continue to draw on elements of the plan while improving their wonderful Main Street district."

**Colin Betzler**

Director of Sheridan Community Land Trust, Montana  
Past-Planning Director for Buffalo, Wyoming

"The City of Mason City was privileged to work with Cory and RDG on its Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. The resulting product was outstanding and will hold its value to Mason City for many years. Cory was the Project Manager and did a fantastic job. He was always accessible, made sure that our needs were being met during the entire project, and took a personal interest in our plan and in Mason City. He continues to be a great resource as we implement our plan. As a former private sector planning consultant with very high expectations for customer service, I can attest that Cory met my standards, and I would recommend his planning abilities and consulting expertise without hesitation."

**Steven Van Steenhuyse**

Director of Development Services  
City of Mason City, Iowa

"Cory and his team produced a market study and master plan for our downtown that is outstanding. It provides the background and research we need to market our community. We finally have a long range plan for maximizing the redevelopment opportunities in our downtown through partnerships and creative planning. Thank you Cory!"

**Rita Albrecht, AICP**

Mayor of Bemidji, Minnesota  
Regional Planner at Minnesota Department of  
Natural Resources

"Cory Scott & the entire RDG Planning team were very easy to work with. The downtown plan they created for Falls City is viable, creative and exciting! This is not just 'pretty pictures' that will be displayed, this is a workable plan and we can't wait to get started!"

**Cassie Whalen**

Falls City Chamber Main Street  
Manager at Main Street Falls City

"Cory helped guide us towards a vision for our community. It was a fun process with great results! All aspects were taken into account from the nuts and bolts to the creative design and potential outcome."

**Annette Junck**

Economic Development Coordinator  
City of Laurel