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KRISTIN H. JOHNSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

January 6, 2016

Re: Forty Under 40 Awards – Brooke Miller Axiotis

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am the current Executive Director of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission. Brooke Miller Axiotis is a housing investigator in my agency. I am writing to recommend Brooke for recognition as one of the 2016 Forty Under 40 professionals.

Brooke works for me as an investigator in our housing discrimination unit. She does excellent work, and I consider the ICRC to be lucky to have her as an employee. Her passion for her work in the fight against discrimination is evident in her daily work. She handles difficult and new situations with grace and maturity.

In addition, Brooke balances her high-quality work and work-life with her extensive community involvement. I personally witnessed the results of her excellent organization in coordinating the Iowa Criminal Justice Summit, an amazing event that I was thrilled to have been able to attend. Speakers at this event included many nationally-known advocates in criminal justice reform. She is also a member of the Iowa State Board of Education and the Board of the National Association of State Boards of Education, as well as the Board of the Junior League of Des Moines, among her other community activities.

I hope you will agree with me and select Brooke as one of the outstanding 2016 Forty Under 40 professionals.

Yours very truly,

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January 7, 2016

Business Register, Forty under 40

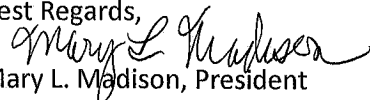
Jason Swanson

Dear Mr. Swanson,

I am Mary Madison, President of the Des Moines Chapter of The Links Incorporated. It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Brooke Axiotis for consideration to your Forty under 40 awards. I have known Brooke for the last five years. She has been an active member of the Link for the last two years. The Links, Incorporated is an international, not-for-profit corporation, established in 1946. The membership consists of nearly 14,000 professional women of color in 282 chapters located in 41 states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. It is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of extraordinary women who are committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry.

I know Brooke to be an active, dynamic and talented leader in the Des Moines Chapter. Brooke is truly a community volunteer with excellent interpersonal skills. She diligently serves on our Legislative Linkages committee to plan and implement our get out the vote efforts. Which help to educate the community on social justice issues. She has worked with our youth program to promote STEM awareness and career development. Last year we were able to bring STEM programing to 200 youth through hands-on Science, Math, Technology, Engineering and the Arts programing right here in Des Moines. Brooke has been instrumental in helping to bring community and policy maker together, to help build community through collaboration and discovery of shared roles. It is without reservation and with confidence that I recommend Brooke Miller Axiotis to you.

Best Regards,


Mary L. Madison, President

Des Moines (IA) Chapter of The Links Inc.



January 7, 2016

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Brooke Axiotis, 2016 Forty Under 40

To Whom It May Concern:

As president of Junior League of Des Moines, a non-profit organization that works to impact our community and promote voluntarism, I have had the pleasure of working with Brooke Axiotis for almost six years. Currently Brooke serves on the Junior League board of directors.

Brooke's dedication to Des Moines shines through the countless hours she volunteers with Junior League. She not only attends monthly trainings and board meetings, Brooke is in the trenches when we are working hard to impact our community. Brooke has been instrumental in making several of our fund development projects successful. Brooke has also served as a mentor for multiple members.

If that's not enough, Junior League is only one of the organizations Brooke devotes her time and talent. Brooke exemplifies Forty Under 40

Sincerely,

Erin Bemis
JLDM President
2015-2016



January 6, 2016

Des Moines Business Record
100 Fourth Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Re: Nomination for Brooke Axiotis
2016 Forty under 40 Award

Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

I am honored to nominate Junior League member, Brooke Axiotis for this award. Brooke joined the Junior League of Des Moines (JLDM) in 2008, the year after I did. She had just moved to Des Moines after graduating from college. Iowa was new territory for her coming from Washington DC originally. She was new to the community and joined JLDM as a way to meet people and get involved. I was initially impressed by her authenticity, determination and quest for knowledge. Since then we have become good friends and I've joined her on many events and worked with her on several projects.

Brooke is consistently reliable and always meets her goals. After joining JLDM, she decided to attend law school, but still kept up with her JLDM responsibilities. She has been involved in many aspects of JLDM, including chairing the committee for determinate Leagues community project, she has also worked on the committee for the Bargain Basket, the JLDM thrift store, She has also been very influential as a leadership development advisor to a group of 12 League members guiding them and encouraging them to get involved with her supporting them. After law school, passing the bar and getting a fulltime job, she upped her involvement with JLDM and now serves on our Board of Directors. She is an advocate for women and works to empower women in all she does.

She is very involved and passionate about politics. Her mother is State Representative Helen Miller and Brooke is by her side assisting and coordinating many political events. Brooke has been very involved in the organization 50/50 in 2020 which is a nonpartisan political organization which encourages women to enter politics. Most recently, September 2015, Brooke was instrumental in planning "Equity for Woman" 4th Annual Award Reception honoring to Bonnie Campbell as recipient of the "Equity for Women" award and also US Senator Joni Ernst for the as the "Milestone" award recipient

I highly recommend Brooke for the 2016 Forty under 40 class. In my opinion, she is extremely deserving of this award and is sure to continue being a driving force in our organization as well as our community.

Sincerely,

Anne Happel
Past-President, 2013-14
Junior League of Des Moines

MARY CHAPMAN
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January 5, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

It is a pleasure to write this letter in support of the nomination of Brooke Miller Axiotis for the 40 Under 40 recognition. She is an emerging young leader with substance and style.

During the past five years, I have had the pleasure of working with Brooke on various community projects and service programs. In this short period of time, I have observed her to distinguish herself not only as a committed and valuable resource in the community, but also as an influential civic leader.

Her contributions as a member of the Iowa Board of Education and the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) are impacting policy that will shape education for future generations of young people.

In closing, I write this letter with honor and admiration for a natural civic and community servant leader who is determined to make a difference. Brooke Miller Axiotis richly deserves to be included in the 2016 class of 40 Under 40.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary L. Chapman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Mary L. Chapman, Ed. D.

Vice President Emeritus

Des Moines Area Community College