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January 13, 2016

Re: Support for the nomination of Dylan Mullenix for the 2016 Class of Forty Under 40

Dear Forty Under 40 Judges:

It is my pleasure to offer my wholehearted support for the nomination of Dylan Mullenix for the 2016 Class of the Des Moines Business Record's Forty Under 40.


I have had the pleasure of working with Dylan since I joined the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization as the executive director in 2011. He quickly showed himself to be a highly competent professional in the planning field, demonstrating an interest and ability to listen to all stakeholders, provide out-of-the-box problem-solving, and think critically about long-term issues. His are among the particularly valuable contributions in the development of The Tomorrow Plan, the plan for the sustainable development of Greater Des Moines, as well as Mobilizing Tomorrow, the region's long-range transportation plan.

Though planner by trade, Dylan has grown into a trusted leader in the MPO office and out in the community. As the MPO's assistant director, he leads the staff of planners in developing the long-range transportation plan, the annual work program and budget, and in pursuing new projects. Outside the organization, he builds trust-based relationships with representatives of governments throughout the metro, as well as the many community partners with whom the MPO interacts.

Furthermore, he has given back to the community in meaningful ways by lending his valuable time and expertise to other organizations benefiting the region and the state.

For these reasons, I believe Dylan is deserving of the distinguished honor of being named to the 2016 Class of Forty Under 40. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Todd Ashby
Executive Director

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January 14, 2016

Forty Under 40 Selection Committee
Des Moines Business Record
100 Fourth Street
Des Moines, IA 50309

Re: Dylan Mullenix, Forty Under 40 Class of 2016

Dear Selection Committee:

Dylan Mullenix has been at the table, setting the agenda and leading discussions on some of the decade's most important planning initiatives for the future of Greater Des Moines – and through this work he has emerged as a young leader worthy of being named to the Des Moines Business Record's Forty Under 40.

Dylan and I worked closely together as part of the team – he with MPO, I with RDG – that developed The Tomorrow Plan. It's become a national model of regional comprehensive plans. It's proved a highly ambitious, progressive plan aimed at the long-term sustainability of Greater Des Moines.

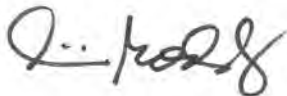
Because the vision being proposed in The Tomorrow Plan was bold and involved 17 jurisdictions, it was also at times controversial. Whenever conversations edged on contentious, Dylan could always be counted on to calmly guide the conversations in a constructive and intelligent manner.

He is a model of equanimity – composed and even-tempered, especially in difficult situations. This is a great strength that few possess, and we are lucky to have him in Greater Des Moines as a young leader who will serve the community for years to come.

Dylan's calm leadership is admirable in someone of any age, let alone someone early (but already accomplished) in his career. His character and achievements are worthy of recognition. I hope you will consider him for the 2016 Class of Forty Under 40.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Patricia Boddy, PE
Partner



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January 13, 2016
40 Under 40 Selection Committee
Business Record
100 Fourth Street
Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear Selection Committee Members:

I am writing to provide strong support for the selection of Dylan Mullenix to this year's Business Record Forty Under Forty. I have known and worked with Dylan for nearly a decade and have great appreciation for his commitment to his family, employer, profession, and community. Much of my knowledge of Dylan comes through his work at the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization where I coordinate closely with him through my role as the current Planning Subcommittee Chairperson and Past Transportation Technical Committee Chair. His work there has also lead me, as President of the Iowa Chapter of the American Planning Association, to recruit him to serve with me as an appointed member of our Board.

The American Planning Association Iowa Chapter is a membership organization of approximately four hundred professional planners, planning educators, planning commissioners and planning students from across the state of Iowa. The primary focus of the Chapter is education to improve planning in communities, counties and regions of the State. Dylan has quickly become a leader within our Chapter filling many roles. He has increased the knowledge of our members and elevated our profile to the media, general public, and elected officials through his work as our Legislative Program Area Chairperson. Dylan leads a committee of planning professionals from around the state to monitor legislation, craft position statements, and educate our local, state, and federal elected officials. His efforts have taken our organization to heights not previously seen and I know that he will continue to be a leader in our organization for many years.

Dylan is widely sought after as a resource by metro communities and planners for his diverse expertise and willingness to help anyone advance their community. He represents the best of our profession and would be an outstanding selection for this year's group. I wish you good luck with your selection process and look forward to hearing the announcement!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Champ', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

J. Benjamin Champ, AICP, EDFP, ASLA
President

Forty Under 40
Des Moines Business Record
100 Fourth Street
Des Moines, IA 50309

Re: Forty Under 40 nomination of Dylan Mullenix

Dear Judges,

It is my pleasure to offer this letter supporting the nomination of Dylan Mullenix for the Des Moines Business Record's 2016 Forty Under 40 award.

I represent Bridgestone America's Tire Operations, LLC, on the Des Moines Area MPO's Freight Roundtable, of which I am chair. Through this position I have had the opportunity to work directly with Dylan and have seen firsthand his ability to convene diverse stakeholders, outline a vision, and put plans into action.

The MPO, via Dylan's guidance, has been a valuable asset to businesses like Bridgestone America's Tire Operations through its commitment to improve critical transportation infrastructure that supports the movement of goods within the region, the state, the nation, and internationally.

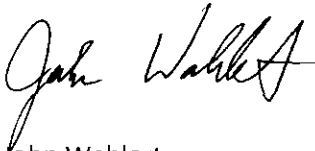
The MPO currently is working to develop a freight transload facility in southeast Des Moines, which will provide area businesses a critical connection to the freight rail system. Dylan and I were among a small team who engaged a transload operator to consider the Des Moines market, helped to identify the southeast Des Moines location, and connected the operator to the City of Des Moines initiate the development process.

Additionally, Dylan's team applied for and received from the Iowa Department of Transportation's Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program both a \$100,000 grant to further study the site and design the facility and a subsequent \$1.7 million loan for the construction of the facility.

Not only is Dylan a tremendous asset to the MPO and central Iowa, he is courteous and professional businessman.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of Dylan for this honor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Wahlert". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being more prominent than the last name "Wahlert".

John Wahlert
Logistics Supply Chain Manager
Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC.