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Attn: 40 Under Forty Selection Committee

100 4th Street

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To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Junior League of Des Moines (JLDM), as a recommendation for Rachel Panzi, nominee for the Business Record 40 Under Forty for 2017. Rachel has been a member of JLDM since 2009 and has held positions supporting fundraisers of the organizations, currently serving her second year on the Board of Directors.

As a fellow board member, I have had the opportunity to get to know Rachel outside of the structured meetings and events. Rachel is one of the hardest workers I know, always willing to do the tasks no one else wants to do. Not only that, but she brings others along with her. She is a true organizer and leader. With a background in retail she has led the JLDM Gift Mart fundraiser and is currently co-leading efforts to transition the JLDM boutique thrift store, Bargain Basket.

Outside of JLDM, Rachel works for the Blood Bank of Central Iowa as a Territory Representative. A supporter of the Blood Bank inside and out of work, Rachel’s commitment to our community is strong. It is clear she puts in 100 percent of her energy into the causes she cares so much about.

We are grateful for Rachel’s involvement in JLDM and because of the hard work and commitment she has given to our organization, we are honored to submit her name for the 2017 40 Under Forty award.

Sincerely,

Andrea N.J. Woodard

2016-2017 President

Junior League of Des Moines