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To my fellow 40 under 40 alums,

I am writing to recommend Randy Reichardt to become part of our prestigious group. I have worked with Randy on community projects, and during this time, I have come to know he will create a lasting impact on our community. We want him as one of us.

Being from a known community family can be tough. People assume much about you but know very little. You must create your own identity and often prove yourself more than your peers. And while Randy’s quiet demeanor can be unassuming, it is also his strength.

I have sat in meetings and watched him gently lead the group to more constructive conversation. I have seen him firmly and strongly make tough decisions that benefit the greater good. But perhaps the most telling of his leadership and predictive of his future impact is looking at his tenure as president of Water Works Park Foundation.

When Randy began his term as Water Works Park Foundation President, it wasn’t easy. There was question within the community about this young board and their ability to raise the funds and shepherd such an important and visible project. Randy met challenge after challenge with a calm strength that evidentially silenced the critics and turned them into fans. At the end of his term as president, Water Works Park Foundation had raised $6 million of the $9 million goal. But more importantly, there is no doubt in the community about the board’s ability to reach this goal and to create a lasting legacy for our community. Randy did that. Randy lead us to do that.

Since his term has ended, he has already taken the lead on other ambitious projects, such as increasing connectivity to downtown and regional parks. As the current president of Water Works Park Foundation Board, I am inspired by what he has done, and nervous about doing as good of job as he did. But I am comforted, knowing that he is behind me and supporting me and offering his advice.

To put it simply, Randy is already a 40 under 40, we just need to make it official.

Sincerely,

Hannah Inman

Class of 2013