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Re: Nomination for Justin Brown

To : *Forty Under 40* Nomination Committee

I would like to recommend and nominate Justin Brown for the 2017 *Forty Under 40 Class*. Justin has long been a valuable recourse for me within the Des Moines community. Justin has assisted our dealership in many projects while serving his time on the Indianola Chamber of Commerce. His passion for the city of Indianola helped raise thousands of dollars in fundraising and helped attracting attention to what the city has to offer. Justin has been with the Chamber since 2010 and served as a member, Treasurer, Vice Chair and Chair. During his time, membership has grown by more than 25% and doubled revenues.

Justin has also served on the Greater Des Moines Partnership Affiliates Council and Board and is assuming the role of Affiliates Chair on the Executive Committee for the Greater Des Moines Partnership for 2017.

Professionally, Justin has quickly made a name for himself within the Construction Community. Starting with Downing Construction in 2016, Justin worked his way up through the ranks to ultimately become Partner in 2016. As Partner, Justin oversees operations and staff development, business development, and management of preconstruction services for Downing. In 2016 Justin was selected to the MB "Eye" on Future leadership program through Master Builders of Iowa.

Even with all his professional and philanthropic commitments, Justin still makes time for his wonderful family. He is a dedicated husband and father of three.

The Des Moines community is and will continue to be blessed to have Justin a part of it. The 2017 *Forty under 40 Class* would not be complete without the addition of Justin Brown.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Willis", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jason Willis
Willis Auto Campus
2015 *Forty under 40 Class* Member