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Mark Vukovich
President and Chief Executive Officer

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Dear Selection Committee:

With great pleasure I support the nomination, of Jacob Jaacks for the Business Record Forty Under 40 Award.

Blank Park Zoo has benefited from Jacob's leadership, support and financial generosity throughout the years. Jacob has been a board member since 2015, and currently is serving on the Executive Committee.

Other leadership roles Jacob has been involved include the Endowment and Gators on the Green Committees. He is incoming chair of the Blank Park Zoo Endowment Board beginning in February 2017.

Jacob has been supportive in facilitating conversations with stakeholders over the years. His insight and measured advice has been greatly appreciated by the Zoo board and staff.

Central Iowa is lucky to have leaders like Jacob who understands how important it is to get involved with and give back to the community in which you live and work. Blank Park Zoo is just one of the many organizations that has benefited from the Jacob's skills, wisdom, connections and dedication.

Again, on behalf of Blank Park Zoo, I submit this letter of support for Jacob's nomination. I wish the committee luck with its selection as Central Iowa is incredibly fortunate to have such amazing people who have supported this community.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or if you need additional information.

Regards,

Mark Vukovich
President & CEO

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