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Attention: 40 Under 40 Committee

100 4th Street

Des Moines, Iowa 50309

On behalf of Ryan Howell, I am pleased to submit a nomination letter outlining the work he has been instrumental in moving forward within the Sherman Hill Neighborhood.

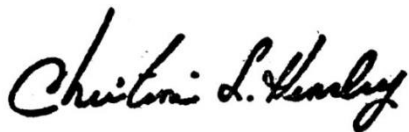
I first met Ryan when he assumed the presidency of the Sherman Hill Neighborhood Association. Since that time, I have had the opportunity to work with Ryan on a number of issues, where he demonstrated the ability to provide leadership and work with all parties to find resolution to challenging issues.

The role Ryan took in working for positive resolution to issues surrounding Oakridge was excellent and continues today. His leadership in working with the City and Quik Trip re: the sell of liquor was positive for all parties.

The most significant role that Ryan assumed was to chair the renewal of the SSMID District for Sherman Hill. This is a tax in addition to the existing property taxes paid by home owners and businesses. It requires an individual who has the organizational and communication skills and most importantly, the understanding of the significant impact this will have on his neighborhood.

Ryan is the type of leader we need, want to encourage to move up and hopefully take a role in continuing to move the City forward. If every neighborhood association had at least one Ryan Howell we would be assured as a City, to continue making great strides.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Christine L. Hensley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christine L. Hensley

Former Des Moines City Council Member