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January 11, 2018

40 under 40 Committee  
Business Publications  
100 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear Selection Committee,

I am writing to express my support of Alex Lynch's 40 under 40 nomination. Having worked with Alex during his time with Senator Harkin and East Polk Innovation Collaborative (EPIC), I believe that he is deserving of this honor.

During his time with Senator Harkin, Alex worked with leaders throughout the state to troubleshoot federal issues and has worked closely with the Des Moines Partnership, DART and local municipalities. He has been successful in his work at EPIC, particularly in reuniting the four member cities into the organization. He also led a successful private capital campaign and oversaw a recent rebranding campaign. Throughout this process, he has worked with site selectors, brokers, and stakeholders in Eastern Polk County to continually foster a growth friendly environment.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

  
Angela, Connolly, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Polk County Supervisor



January 10, 2018

Forty Under 40 Selection Committee  
c/o The Business Record  
The Depot at Fourth  
100 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear Selection Committee,

It is a privilege to nominate Alex Lynch for Forty Under 40. I have known Alex as a friend and colleague for many years now and I consider him a trusted, lifelong friend and a true servant to the people of Greater Des Moines. Alex and I met through our work for Senator Tom Harkin, which is when I first witnessed his loyal commitment to the constituents of Iowa. Alex was always incessantly eager to help Iowans, and his career has always been dedicated to that guiding principle.

I have continued to be impressed by Alex's dedication to Greater Des Moines as I've observed the efforts he has put into revitalizing the east side of Polk County. His strategic vision for this region has not only prompted economic development, but it has also strengthened our pride for where we live, which is an invaluable asset. Alex's work in this endeavor has clearly expressed his passion for giving back to his community personally and professionally. He also practices what he preaches for investing in the economic, cultural, and social future of our metro.

I admire Alex's passion for Greater Des Moines and believe that he should be recognized for his tireless work to make our community what it is today. It is for that and many other reasons that I nominate Alex Lynch for being honored with a Forty Under 40 recognition.

Sincerely,

Joseph Jones  
Executive Director



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January 5, 2017

Dear Selection Committee for 40 Under 40,

It is my honor to write to you in support of Alex Lynch, for the 2018 class of 40 Under 40.

As the Mayor of Pleasant Hill and incoming President of East Polk Innovation Collaborative, I have worked closely with Alex Lynch since we hired him to become the executive director of EPIC more then 3 years ago.

Alex has led the organization through a time of great change and growth. His leadership came at time when four communities needed to be strengthened and brought closer together. He has played an integral role of steadiness, communication, and leadership in the region. In his role as executive director of EPIC he lead the rebranding, name change (from East Polk Regional Development to East Polk Innovative Collaborative), and a time of great growth.

As the incoming President of EPIC, I have heard first-hand from our board members, the elected officials from the four communities, brokers, developers and community leaders, that Alex is leading and representing the region in a way that makes us all proud.

As 2018 gets underway, and Eastern Polk County is poised for tremendous growth and success; we are lucky to have a thoughtful, humble, leader in Alex Lynch as our Executive Director. He embodies what it means to be a young leader and should be recognized as a member of 40 Under 40.

Thank you for your consideration.

In Service,

Mayor Sara Kurovski

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Business Record  
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Re: 40 Under 40 Nominee – Alex Lynch

Judging Panel:

I write in support of the nomination of Alex Lynch for the 2018 40 Under 40 Class. I came to know Alex several years ago as a member of Senator Harkin's staff in Iowa. Alex's willingness to listen, knowledge of how to address the issues presented to him and respect with which he treated all left an impression that carried over when he applied to become the Executive Director of East Polk Innovation Collaborative (EPIC).

As the then President of EPIC, we interviewed Alex for that position, and he stood out strongly among a number of excellent candidates. His drive, his knowledge and work ethic impressed the entire board. That drive, knowledge and work ethic has not waned and he has led the organization confidently through a transition in EPIC business model and rebranding. EPIC, and all of East Polk County region, have benefited greatly from Alex's leadership and hard work.

I am proud to support his nomination for the 2018 40 Under 40 Class!

Sincerely,  
Brian K. Lohse  
Past President  
Bondurant Development, Inc.