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Des Moines Business Record, Forty Under 40 Selection Committee
100 Fourth Street
Des Moines, IA 50309

Selection Committee Members:

I am pleased to support the nomination of Matt McQuillen as a member of the *Business Record's* Forty Under 40 class. I have known Matt for many years, beginning when he was an intern with the City of Ankeny. Matt displayed a strong interest in understanding local government and what it takes to have a career in public service. His nature as a learner combined with his enthusiasm enabled him to tap into the wisdom and experiences of his superiors to build the foundation of a successful public administration career.

Matt built on that foundation as the Clive Assistant City Manager. Working for a highly respected city manager, he prepared himself for the task of Clive City Manager. Matt has grown into an excellent city manager with a firm grasp of city operations and community leadership. He has earned the respect of elected officials and his peers in the region. He understands how working together benefits everyone, and he continuously looks for opportunities for collaboration.

Matt is making a difference in the region by taking a lead role in public safety communications and storm water management. He provides critical representation for his community on issues such as regional water, transportation and trails. Matt organized regional city manager meetings and added value by connecting managers with regional organizations.

He believes community extends well beyond the Clive city borders. He was a leader in establishing Pecha Kucha Night in Des Moines and is involved in regional young professional activities.

Matt is an asset to the Des Moines metro area as a voice for collaboration and someone who is willing to take on the important role of leadership. I wholeheartedly support Matt's nomination for this important recognition.

Tim Moerman
Waukee City Administrator