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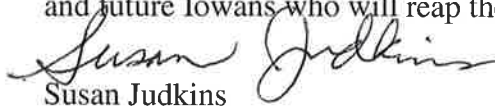
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Des Moines Business Record, Forty Under 40 Selection Committee
100 Fourth Street
Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear Selection Committee:

I write in enthusiastic support of the nomination of Johnathon Swanson for recognition as a member of the 2019 cohort of the Des Moines Business Record's Forty Under 40. John is a tireless advocate for water quality improvement in Polk County, Iowa, and through his leadership, many projects have been implemented in our area that enhance public health and recreational enjoyment.

As the former Intergovernmental Affairs Director for the Rebuild Iowa Office, and now as a Clive city council member, I am aware of the potential for landowner concerns and other pressures to derail progress on flood mitigation and water quality improvement. Thanks to John's knowledgeable, friendly approach, and ability to bring multiple stakeholders together to find solutions, we have seen many important projects come to fruition. He just doesn't give up until he finds the money and the location for these projects. He has also been influential in establishing multiple watershed management authorities that impact Polk County, and keeping these groups informed and enthused in ways that also continue to achieve results. During my service as chair of the Walnut Creek Watershed Management Authority and the Polk Council of WMAs, I saw how instrumental his involvement has been in improving water quality - which I see as the greatest economic development and public health issue of our time. He's a hero for present and future Iowans who will reap the benefits of his work for years to come.


Susan Judkins
Clive City Council

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