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Des Moines Business Record
Forty under 40 Award
100 Fourth Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Dear Forty under 40 Selection Committee Members:

RE: Support for Matt Rodekamp's Forty under 40 nomination

I am very pleased to recommend Matt Rodekamp for the Business Record's Forty under 40 award in 2015. I have worked with Matt for the past five years on a variety of projects and it has been a pleasure to not only work with him but to see the growth in his career and leadership within the community.

Matt has been working with DART for the past five years. He was instrumental in the project development, design and construction of DART Central Station. A flagship facility not only for DART but for the Greater Des Moines community. Matt was engrossed in the process beginning to end and always wanted what was best for the riding public and for DART. He attended countless public meetings learning about the needs of DART customers and desires for the new facility. During the nearly three years we worked on the project, Matt became an extension of staff and fully appreciated the public service that DART provides to the community.

Since the opening of DART Central Station, Matt has stayed involved with DART projects. Having this continuity and understanding of DART has been very beneficial as he always knows the right questions to ask and understands DART operational needs. Matt has definitely developed over the five years into a leader at substance architecture as well as one within his industry. DART Central Station has received several accreditations and awards for its design and environmental sustainability.

In addition, Matt has also become more involved in the music culture of Des Moines by putting his talents to use with the 80/35 music festival. He has also worked become more involved with other music events in the community as well.

Matt is a great asset to the community as well as an emerging leader in the region. I wholeheartedly recommend Matt Rodekamp for the Business Record's 2015 Forty under 40 award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Elizabeth Presutti". The signature is stylized and fluid.

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