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Dear Sages Over 70 Selection Committee,

I am more than pleased to support Dory Briles' nomination of C. J. Stephens for consideration as a Sage Over 70. C.J. continually works toward the betterment of the Des Moines community through all of her tireless work on public committees, neighborhood groups, and the many personal acts that she performs without notice or fanfare.

I work with C.J. as a fellow board member of Tree Des Moines. Her love of trees motivates C.J. to continually strive to protect the canopy that we enjoy throughout Des Moines. But more than the love for these green sentinels of our city, she sees the continued benefit that trees bring to the success and beauty of the city, as well as, the improved quality of life that trees continually give to citizens who live here.

Committed as she is, I have often experienced the energy and commitment that C.J. gives to any project that will protect, enhance, and improve the lives of people who live in Des Moines. From arguing with contractors who are bent on unnecessary leveling beautiful mature trees, to sitting on the many public committees that she is appointed, to taking time out of her whirlwind day to ensure that someone forgotten by others is given the attention or care that they need... C.J. is the personification of selfless love for her community, the fight for a good cause that benefits all, and compassion for those who are in need.

Thank you,

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Director

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