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To: Nominating Committee of the North Carolina League of Municipalities, Board of Directors

Re: Satish Garimella, Morrisville Town Council Member

Dear Nominating Committee:

I strongly endorse Satish Garimella for the role of NCLM Board of Directors. Satish is a true servant leader. He is a humble person. He is practical. He has emotional intelligence. Satish listens to his community to better understand their needs and then works towards the common good. He is able to connect people from all levels of our town, county, and state and then focuses them to deliver goods and services.

I have served on the Morrisville Town Council with Satish since 2015. I don't always agree with his position on policies and issues, but I know that he has carefully considered the financial and social impact of his votes. He considers the long term consequences of Council actions.

Examples:

Satish is a strong supporter of our public schools. A school was proposed adjacent to Satish's neighborhood. Satish worked with the Morrisville Town Staff, Morrisville Town Council, Wake County Staff, Wake County School Board, Wake County Commissioners, and his neighborhood HOA to work through design barriers and code requirements. He kept the County and Town focused on delivering the school. Parkside Elementary in Wake County opened several years as a result of his steadfast leadership.

Satish continues to advocate for schools. In 2022, Wake County Public Schools announced a landmark opportunity to build an early college high school and traditional high school in Morrisville. Due to limited land, the Town of Morrisville will be partnering with the schools to build high school athletic facilities on town property.

Satish is a highly respected leader in the Indian American community. He has helped the Morrisville and Cary Police Department better understand the cultural challenges of serving Asian and Indian residents. There have been many outreach programs over the years to help build trust and open lines of communication. These efforts continue today.

Satish brings together people from all backgrounds. We celebrate our diversity in Morrisville. The Indian community is very diverse. There are people from many different regions, religions, and languages. Over 2000 dialects. Satish works with community leaders to encourage events embracing Morrisville's diverse population. Due to Satish's strong advocacy, the Town of Morrisville host events for Easter, Holi, Spring Fest, Juneteenth, July 4th, Halloween, Diwali, Hannukah, and more. These events bring together not only the residents, but the businesses within our town.

Finally, Satish is a calming force among competing priorities. The Town of Morrisville is land locked and growth is slowing down. Residents and business are demanding more services and amenities than our town funding model can support. Satish is a numbers guy. He analyzes options with a careful eye on value.

Thank you for your consideration of Satish Garimella for Board Member.

Sincerely, Vicki Scroggins-Johnson