



TOWN OF OAK RIDGE

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North Carolina League of Municipalities
Board Member Nominating Committee
434 Fayetteville Street, Suite 1900
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Dear Nominating Committee:

It is my pleasure to offer my strong support for the appointment of Ann Schneider to the Board of Directors of the North Carolina League of Municipalities. In my role as Town Manager, and previously as Planning Director, of the Town of Oak Ridge I have known and worked closely with Ann for ten years. Ann brings a strategic vision and comprehensive approach to all off the issues and initiatives she tackles which would serve the Board well.

As both Councilmember and Mayor, Ann consistently applies her natural leadership skills to develop innovative policies and programs. She spearheaded the Town's first Strategic Plan, first adopted in 2018, which is used as a working document by staff and Council to develop plans and policies, the annual budget, and the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. She conceived and implemented two grant programs that have successfully leveraged private investment with public dollars to advance historic preservation and land conservation. She works tirelessly to engage citizens, stands firm on her principles, and leads by example.

Over the last several years the Town has increasingly relied on Ann's growing network of contacts in state government to bring attention to the needs of Oak Ridge. It is evident through her advocacy work that she believes that the needs of local government are best served by leaders in those communities. I am certain that, if appointed to the NCLM Board of Directors, she would be a strong and effective voice for municipal interests statewide.

Sincerely,

Bill Bruce
Town Manager