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Nominating Committee, North Carolina League of Municipalities 434 Fayetteville Street, Suite 1900 Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Dear Nominating Committee Members:

I write to strongly support the candidacy of Town of Morrisville Council Member Satish Garimella in his continued service as a member of the North Carolina League of Municipalities ("NCLM") Board of Directors.

I've known Council Member Garimella for more than a decade. We both took office roughly one year of each other – he the second Indian-American elected to the Town Council of Morrisville, and I as the first Indian-American elected to the North Carolina General Assembly. Over the last nine years, I watched him mature into a thoughtful, analytical leader with the true heart of a public servant. He is a tireless advocate for the Town of Morrisville in the General Assembly and throughout the state. Council Member Garimella is well-respected on both sides of the aisle. He possesses a disarming sense of humor that puts people as ease. He gets things done.

Perhaps equally important, Council Member Garimella is viewed as a key contact by thousands of Indian-American in the Triangle area when they need help. Morrisville is comprised of more than 40 percent South Asians, many of them immigrants. If there is any issue that arises, there's a high likelihood they've contacted Council Member Garimella. I feel confident to say that he's connected and served hundreds and hundreds of Indian-Americans, from dealing with school issues to a visa applications. He's never said "no" to those who have asked for help. That's why he has a heart of a public servant.

Council Member Garimella represents a new generation of North Carolina elected officials, one that reflects the growing diversity and demographics of our state. I know he deeply loves the state, and I know he deeply loves NCLM. He will continue to be an amazing asset to our region and our state. I know he'll be an amazing asset to NCLM. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at (919) 423-5281.

Sincerely,

/s/

JAY J. CHAUDHURI Senate Democratic Whip