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NC League of Municipalities
Nominating Committee

Dear Fellow Board Members:

This letter is to express my desire to serve a second term on the NCLM's Board of Directors in the municipal clerk's affiliate seat.

Serving on this board has afforded me the opportunity to meet and connect with many local government officials, but more importantly it has given me the chance to see firsthand how hard the League works on behalf of North Carolina's municipalities. When I began my career with New Bern 22 years ago, I quickly learned about the League. When situations arose for which guidance was needed, our manager was quick to say, "call John Phelps at the League." John had all the answers! The League had long been a resource for New Bern, and it has remained a constant resource over the years. The effort the League puts forth to protect the interests of all our towns and cities, regardless of population, is invaluable. And it is this effort that makes it easy for me to advocate for membership in the League.

I hope my participation on the Board has in some way contributed to the positive impact the League is making, and I would be honored to remain a part of the Board for another term.

Respectfully,


Brenda E. Blanco MMC, CMC, NCCMC
City Clerk