

To: Members of the Nominating Committee  
North Carolina League of Municipalities

April 4, 2026

From: Jim Harton - Mayor, Town of Oak Ridge

Again, I wish to lend my support to the continuation of Ann Schneider as a board member of the North Carolina League of Municipalities. As you know Ann is seeking the office of Second Vice President in District 9. You already know that I am a highly biased “Fan of Ann”. You also know of her many talents and energy that she brings to everything she does. And I am sure that you know that she wants to continue serving the League.

Currently, Ann is Co-Chair of the Legislative Policy Committee in 2025 and recently represented a “small town” perspective on the recent “housing webinar” – The Municipal Perspective on Housing. She also provided opening remarks for a session on data centers – Demystifying Data Center: Insights for Municipal Leaders. And last April, at the League’s request, she spoke to the NC House Housing and Development Committee arguing against the passage of HB 765 and expressing her support of continued local authority in zoning matters. Ann remains highly engaged in League activities attending all board meetings, CityVision, Town& State dinners (most recently in Greensboro where I met many of you) and League webinars and training events.

When not working for the League, Ann is busy serving the citizens of Oak Ridge on our Town Council. I’m sure you know that Ann was previously Mayor and I personally (maybe desperately) depend on her support and council after being selected Mayor in December. At my request she serves as Council liaison to our Water Advisory Committee, a group of volunteers overseeing the installation of our first municipal water system that will water to Oak Ridge from Winston-Salem/Forsyth County by the end of 2026. Historically Ann has led many recreational and preservation projects for the Town and most recently serving as editor for a remarkable new book about our town, [Historic Oak Ridge](#). For more than a decade Ann has worked hard to further the Town’s strategic planning goals while preserving our unique small-town identity.

So, you now know why I am such a “Fan of Ann”. She is simply amazing... “Amazing Ann”. I am confident that she will bring her high energy to your Board as Second Vice President, District 9. Obviously, the choice is yours, but your favorable nomination of Ann Schneider will be one that will benefit The North Carolina League of Municipalities for years to come.

Sincerely,

Jim Harton  
Mayor, Town of Oak Ridge Town