

Town of Burgaw
109 N. Walker Street
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It is my pleasure to offer a letter of recommendation and my strong support for Ann Schneider as she seeks the office of Second Vice President or the District 9 seat on the League. I have had the privilege of getting to know her over the last 4 years. Ann has demonstrated exceptional leadership, dedication, and a commitment to municipal service, and I am confident she will bring the same level of excellence to this next role.

Ann has served with distinction on the League's Board of Directors for the past two years, including one year as an At-Large member and one year as a Presidential Appointee. During this time, she has proven herself to be a thoughtful and engaged leader who consistently contributes meaningful insights and perspectives to board discussions and initiatives.

Her work on the Legislative Policy Committee has been particularly impactful. After serving as a committee member, she was appointed Co-Chair in 2025, an indication of the respect she has earned among her peers. In this leadership role, Ann has helped guide the development of legislative priorities and has served as a compelling voice for municipalities across the state.

In addition to her League service, Ann has been an active and engaged participant in the Mayors Association, including two years of service on its board. She is a consistent presence at League events, including board meetings, CityVision, Town & State dinners, and various trainings. Her 2024 CityVision presentation on strategic planning further demonstrated her ability to share knowledge and inspire fellow leaders. Ann's advocacy also extends beyond the League.

At the local level, Ann's leadership in Oak Ridge has been evident. She has played a central role in advancing the town's first municipal water system, successfully securing nearly \$8 million in funding for this critical infrastructure project. Her work also extends to recreational and preservation initiatives that align with the town's strategic vision while maintaining its unique character. Ann Schneider brings both practical experience and visionary thinking to her work. I wholeheartedly support her candidacy and believe she will continue to be a tremendous asset to the league board.

Sincerely,

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