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TO: Common Council
FROM: Mayor Jacob A. Woodford 
DATE: May 13, 2022
RE: Public Works Director Recommendation

A search for a new Public Works Director for the City of Appleton was initiated in December 2021 in anticipation of a June 2022 retirement.

We engaged the Employment Resource Group (ERG) in February 2022 to recruit qualified candidates on our behalf. As a result of ERG's recruitment efforts, I am pleased to bring forward an outstanding candidate for your consideration.

This candidate comes to us from the Village of Kimberly where she has served as the Village Administrator since 2017. As an experienced public administrator and professional engineer, she brings a unique perspective and special qualification for the role of Public Works Director. Prior to her work with the Village of Kimberly she worked for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for over ten years. Her responsibilities included project management, community sensitive design coordination, environmental impact research, budget management and design delivery. This candidate earned her master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh in 2019 and her bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Wisconsin – Madison 2005. She is certified as a Public Manager through the University of Wisconsin – Madison Continuing Education program and a Professional Engineer since 2009 by the State of Wisconsin. She also serves on the Whitburn Center UWO MPA Alumni Board and the Heart of the Valley YMCA Board of Directors.

It is my honor to recommend Danielle Block, MPA, PE, to serve as the City of Appleton's next Public Works Director. Her resume is attached for your reference.

Please be in contact should you have any questions or concerns.