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TO: Common Council
FROM: Mayor Jacob A. Woodford 
DATE: November 28, 2022
RE: Community & Economic Development Director Recommendation

A national search for a new Community & Economic Development Director for the City of Appleton was initiated in September 2022 in anticipation of Director Harkness's January 2023 retirement.

As a result of our search, I am pleased to bring forward an outstanding candidate for your consideration.

This candidate comes to us from Outagamie County where she held the role of development and land services director. She brings 15 years of experience in community planning and development with experience working at the county, municipal and regional scales. She specializes in long-range planning and project/policy development, with particular interest in the areas of land use; community facilities; public infrastructure, and community/economic development. She has a Master of Science in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Iowa and a Bachelor of Science in Geography from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She currently serves as President-Elect of the American Planning Association – Wisconsin Chapter.

It is my honor to recommend Kara J. Homan, AICP, to serve as the City of Appleton's next Community & Economic Development Director. Her resume is attached for your reference.

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