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October 7, 2009

Dear Vacancy Committee:

I am writing to express my support for Janelle Retig for the vacancy on the County Board of Supervisors. Janelle Retig exhibits all of the leadership qualities that I look for in an elected official: She is intelligent, invested in the community and a very generous listener. She can communicate effectively with a diverse array of constituents and she truly extends herself to citizens of Johnson County through coffees, newsletters, facebook, email, house parties and community events.

Janelle's strategic role in passing the conservation bond demonstrates to me leadership, communication, and organizing skills commensurate with the skill sets required to serve on the County Board of Supervisors.

I have seen Janelle at countless city, county and state meetings and forums over the years and believe that she has gained valuable understanding and insights about our County government and intergovernmental relations that would serve our county well.

As a citizen who really cares, I have been impressed with Janelle's wealth of knowledge and the quality and number of supporters she has already enrolled.

As a tax payer, teacher and future parent in the Iowa City Community School District, I'm confident that Janelle will take existing infrastructure into consideration when making land use decisions. It concerns me that we are building so many ~~schools~~ new schools in one part of the district while other buildings are losing teachers and classes because of low enrollment. Her commitment to 'smart growth' is appreciated not only from an environmental standpoint, but also for community building and economic efficiencies as well. She understands that urban sprawl 'costs us all' and that we often pay more to subsidize sprawl than we gain in tax revenues.

And finally, while I'm thrilled that Janelle Retig is running for Johnson County Supervisor, I'm equally sad that Larry Meyers is no longer serving in this capacity. He was a dear friend and neighbor and was truly my closest and favorite elected official. His passing is a tremendous loss to our community and makes me profoundly sad. I am hopeful that the Johnson County Vacancy Committee will honor Larry Meyers by appointing a quality, thoughtful candidate

who reflects his visions and values. Janelle's campaign platform is tightly aligned with the goals Larry Meyers had for our community. I can't think of a better replacement.

Thank you for your consideration. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any additional questions. I'd be delighted to discuss Janelle Retig further.

Very Warm Regards,

Alisa Meggitt

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