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Dear Mr. Slockett:

I have been a resident of Johnson County for much of my 48 years. I have interacted with Betty Ockenfels, Pat Harney, Sally Stutsman, and Rod Sullivan. More than addressing my issue, I've always been impressed how they took the time and concern to respond. I care less that a public official agrees or disagrees with me but I do care that she is responsive to her constituency. I've known Janelle Rettig for over a decade. Every thing I know about her makes me confident she will be responsive to her constituency. I highly recommend her. I hope you will appoint her to fulfill the term of Larry Meyers.

What I also know about Janelle is that she has worked with people of a variety of political stripes and on a variety of difference issues. She will not let party ideology get in the way of trying to do what's best for the county.

Janelle is also a visionary thinker, working on initiatives to conserve land and procure clean water for future generations and to improve the future health of citizens. Her work on the trails system facilitates improved health – hiking and biking are good forms of exercise that also burn off stress. Twenty or thirty years from now, we will be thanking people like Janelle for the kind of work they were doing in 2010.

As a former small business owner, and a community activist, she has experience successfully working with different county populations to make things better. Her business sold eco-friendly cleaning and household products among other things. Janelle was green when it was just a color.

Janelle is the only candidate I know of who has already announced to be a candidate for the Board of Supervisor. She has been out campaigning and meeting constituents for months. This is testament to her ability to work hard.

If any one else is so desirous and ambitious to serve the County, where is their announced and executed campaign?

Appointing Janelle Rettig to finish Larry Meyers' term would be an excellent decision. I hope you give her candidacy the utmost consideration.

Finally, I thank Larry Myers for his service and I hope his friends and family are finding comfort.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Patrick Muller

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