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Tom Kriz, Johnson County Treasurer
Kim Painter, Johnson County Recorder
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913 Dubuque Street
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Dear Vacancy Committee Members:

When Janelle Rettig contacted me last week regarding her intent to apply for the unexpired supervisory term created by the premature death of Supervisor Larry Meyers, I had no hesitation whatsoever in deciding to fully support her. Janelle and I first became acquainted when we were both members of the League of Women Voters of Johnson County, and we have known one another for several years. She and I had visited earlier this spring about her desire to run for one of the two supervisory positions in November of 2010, and I was very pleased that she intended to run for this office.

Janelle's current and past appointments and consequent responsibilities with numerous organizations such as the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, the Johnson County Trails Advisory Committee, the Iowa City Municipal Airport Commission, the Iowa Bicycle Coalition and the Northside Marketplace Business Association have provided her a wealth of hands on experience in leadership, team building, budgetary issues, and strategic planning.

Her record of community service and membership at all levels-state, county and city- is truly impressive. Janelle has been intensely studying local issues for the past four months. I believe that Janelle is a highly intelligent, thoughtful and articulate individual. Her commitment to the betterment of Johnson County and its residents is clearly visible in her impressive record of public service. She is an ideal candidate, not only for the interim supervisory position, but also for the election in November 2010.

Sincerely yours,

Jean A. Lakin