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Governor Rick Scott
The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Subject: Recommendation for appointment of Mayor Susan Haynie to the Constitution Revision Commission

Dear Governor Scott,

The importance and significance of your appointments to the CRC cannot be overstated. You are irrefutably seeking 15 individuals from a wealth of backgrounds to have the potential to positively affect the lives of all Floridians.

The City of North Port lends equal gravity to the significance of appointing municipal officials to the CRC. The North Port City Commission finds it crucial to have municipal representation on the CRC to ensure that the perspectives and concerns of the more than 2,000 municipal elected officials, representing over 400 League-member cities, are adequately voiced.

Florida League of Cities President, Boca Raton Mayor Susan Haynie, possesses a wide range of qualifications and the City of North Port Commission strongly recommends her as one of your appointees to the Constitution Revision Commission (CRC).

Mayor Haynie is a seasoned municipal leader, with a decades-long service record and first-hand experience in job-creation. During her time on the Boca Raton City Council, she kept taxes low, streamlined regulation, improved public safety, and fostered an environment for small businesses to thrive. As a mother of five, she is ever aware that policies must be designed for future generations.

Mayor Haynie is a state-licensed General Contractor and with a wealth of experience in the private sector, is familiar with running a business and understands that amendments need not all be made from the perspective of elected officials. She strongly favors streamlining tax relief, permitting, and the unemployment system in favor of Florida's business owners.

Mayor Haynie's record of public and community service also includes her involvement with, among many other organizations and committees, the Coastal Ocean Task Force, Community Emergency Response Team, Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council, National League of Cities Task Force, and the Florida Transportation Plan/Strategic Intermodal System Steering Committee.

Mayor Haynie understands that government begins at the local level, rather than from the top down. She believes that local self-government is the keystone to American democracy and constitutional municipal home rule authority is important to building a great state.

Along with her record as an elected official, experience in the private sector, and breadth of affiliations, Mayor Haynie is an excellent candidate for appointment to the Constitution Revision Commission and the City of North Port Commission certainly supports her appointment.

Respectfully,

Linda M. Yates, Mayor
City of North Port, Florida