

April 23, 2010

National Association of Regional Councils  
c/o Mr. Fred Abousleman, Executive Director  
1666 Connecticut Avenue NW, suite 300  
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Mr. Abousleman:

The Lane Council of Governments and its Central Lane MPO, are pleased to submit the name of Gary Williams, Mayor of the City of Cottage Grove, Oregon, as a candidate for re-election to the Region XV seat on NARC's Board of Directors.

Mayor Williams has represented the regional councils of the Pacific Northwest on the NARC Board for two terms and is eligible for a third term of service. We know that Gary has been an active and thoughtful participant in his leadership position at NARC, and further, that the collective interests of the regional councils in Washington and Oregon have been well-served by his wisdom, experience and communication style.

In January of this year, the LCOG organization surprised Mayor Williams by naming him as the recipient of the agency's Outstanding Elected Official Award for 2009. His work with NARC, along with his service to LCOG (Board Chair, 2005-2006), the Oregon Mayors Association (Chair, 2006) and the League of Oregon Cities, were cited in the award presentation at our agency's annual Appreciation Dinner.

Mayor Williams is a recognized leader in his own community, which has twice been named an All American City; at the state level, where he currently serves as Treasurer of the League of Oregon Cities; and within the Northwest, where he is a member of the Cascadia Mayors Association and a participant in the West Coast Corridor Coalition. At the national level, in addition to his service and commitment to NARC, Mayor Williams has been an active member of the National League of Cities and sits on NLC's Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy Committee.

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By action at the April 22 meeting of the LCOG Board of Directors, we offered our hearty support for Mayor Williams' candidacy for a third term on the Board of the National Association of Regional Councils and we proudly nominate him for the Association's Region XV Board position.

Sincerely,

Chris Pryor  
Eugene City Councilor  
Chair of the LCOG Board of Directors