



2/19/2025

Dear City Council Members,

After careful deliberation and a thorough evaluation process, the Selection Committee is pleased to recommend Mr. Kevin Yoder for appointment to the open Board seat. Our committee carefully assessed all candidates, and we believe Mr. Yoder is the ideal choice to contribute to the continued success of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA).

Mr. Yoder brings a fresh and valuable perspective as a newcomer to our community. His outsider's viewpoint offers unique insights and innovative approaches to community engagement. Throughout the selection process, he demonstrated a strong commitment to outreach and a clear vision for enhancing public awareness of the CRA's mission, programs, and resources.

Notably, Mr. Yoder proactively immersed himself in our downtown area, taking the initiative to understand the local landscape firsthand. His expressed dedication to advancing the CRA's vision—while prioritizing the betterment of Chipley over personal or business interests—speaks to his integrity and alignment with our community's goals. Furthermore, his ability to bridge differing perspectives and foster collaboration will be a valuable asset to the Board.

In light of these qualities, the Selection Committee strongly endorses Kevin Yoder's appointment and respectfully requests the Council's consideration and approval of his nomination. We appreciate your time and thoughtful review of this recommendation and look forward to your decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Leah Pettis'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Leah Pettis

Executive Director