



December 1, 2020

Utah Senate Judicial Confirmation Committee
c/o Jerry Howe
Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel
Utah State Capitol
House Building, Suite W210
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Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Dear committee members,

I write to strongly recommend Margaret Plane to serve on the Utah Court of Appeals. I have had the privilege of working with Margaret in several capacities for more than a decade. I am the Executive Director of the Utah League of Cities and Towns which represents municipalities at the Utah State Legislature. Margaret has worked for two cities and has been a valuable voice within the League.

Margaret essentially managed an all-purposes law firm at Salt Lake City and she is a trusted expert within the League on a multitude of legal subjects. For example, she has participated in League task forces and other internal efforts on land use, public safety, public records/transparency, taxation, human resources, and more. She has drafted state legislation and local ordinances and has litigation experience. In addition to her service in the Utah State Bar, she has been a local leader within the Utah Municipal Attorneys Association and she has the respect of her city peers across the state.

Her city experience also is unique because she has expertise with separation of powers and governmental form and structure. As the city attorney in two different forms of local government, she has interpreted the law and advised mayors and city councils to ensure that they properly understood their roles. She will bring a wealth of local government knowledge to the bench and her municipal expertise would fill an important niche in the state judiciary.

On a personal note, Margaret is trustworthy, direct, thoughtful, and deliberative. I've seen her articulate important principles to rally support and I've watched her tackle difficult legal and policy problems. Her steady demeanor and approachable nature will benefit her future colleagues and participants in court. She helped me as I started my legal career and I'll be sorry to lose her in the city ranks. That said, our loss at the city level will be for the benefit of the judiciary and all Utahns.

Feel free to contact me anytime at cdiehl@ulct.org or 801-910-3912 to discuss Margaret's qualifications or character. I'm excited about her future contribution as a member of the Utah Court of Appeals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Cameron Brady Diehl'.

Cameron Brady Diehl
Executive Director
Utah League of Cities and Towns

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