November 9, 2021

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Dr. Carri L. Brown for County Auditor

Dear Friends and Members of the Republican Party Central Committee:

With a great sense of pride, we are honored to recommend and to support Dr. Carri L. Brown for the appointment of Fairfield County Auditor. Each of us work closely with Carri, and each of us admire her unmatched dedication to excellence, her tireless efforts to continually improve local government and our community, and her enthusiastic focus on customer and stakeholder service.

During Carri's nearly nine-year tenure as County Administrator, she led major construction projects (always on time and under budget), developed complex budgets (by consensus with multiple elected officials and department heads), obtained new state and federal grants (in highly competitive environments), and created financial stability for the county (even during the pandemic) - while at the same time earning her Ph.D. and maintaining certification as a Certified Government Financial Manager, the only such distinction within Fairfield County government.

Prior to supervising Fairfield County department heads, Carri served as the Director of the Child Support Enforcement Agency and Acting Director of Job and Family Services. She gained specific, related, and invaluable experience as Fairfield County Deputy Auditor for 12 years. In each of Carri's significant leadership roles, she repeatedly distinguished Fairfield County on both statewide and national levels. There is no person more qualified, more experienced, or more dedicated than Carri Brown.

When we unanimously appointed Dr. Brown as Acting Fairfield County Auditor, and on behalf of the Commission, Steve Davis was quoted in the Eagle Gazette, "I do not have recollection of a candidate who's more qualified for any office at any time." We knew Carri would have immediate impact when she returned to the County Auditor's Office, and within the first four days of her appointment, Carri led the development of a five-year plan for the Real Estate Assessment budget, reduced the general fund budget by \$125,000, and created a communication strategy focusing on customer service and technology improvements. Employees within the office have reported how eager they are to keep Carri's leadership, noting they appreciate the renewed energy they are experiencing in team meetings, goal setting, and technical support. Let's maintain Carri's momentum and important progress.

With respect and appreciation, and without exception or reservation, we support Dr. Carri L. Brown to be Fairfield County Auditor, and we are honored to ask you to join us in our vote for Dr. Carri L. Brown.

Sincerely,

Steve Davis

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