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Oregon Mayors Association
C/O Mayor Henry Balensifer, OMA President

RE: OMA 2025 Mayors Leadership Award Nomination

I am pleased to nominate the **City of Molalla Mayor, Scott Keyser**, for the OMA 2025 Mayors Leadership Award.

Mayor Keyser has been Mayor of Molalla since his inaugural election in November of 2020. He was re-elected in 2024 for a second and final term and has been consistently committed to the public good and the betterment City of Molalla and surrounding community. Mayor Keyser has listened and learned on the job and has grown into much more for this community than just being Mayor and running a meeting.

His participation in OMA began as soon as new applications were accepted in 2021 and his active attendance in OMA Conferences, LOC Conferences and other statewide duties have been welcomed and supported by other councilors. Currently, Mayor Keyser is the chair of the OMA Summer Conference committee.

However, I believe the most significant role Mayor Keyser has played is his willingness to carry the "Molalla Flag" to Oregon City for Clackamas County matters and to Salem for State matters. He is widely active in County politics and presented to the State Legislature for additional Lottery funds for Molalla's new Wastewater Treatment Plant (Molalla received \$5,000,000).

Mayor Keyser recognizes that he is the face of this community, and he is willing to wear a sasquatch costume during community festivals and being present to support community members and other communities as well. His civic duty has been displayed by his willingness to always show up and show up 30 minutes early.

Forging solid and respectful relationships between Elected Officials and City Managers (Staff) can be somewhat of an artform today. Mayor Keyser has shown myself and my staff a level of respect that I have not experienced in my 30+ plus years in this local government profession. Again, he listens and learns and has provided an excellent example for not only his fellow Councilors but the community as well. Civility within the Molalla community is at an all-time high due to his willingness to engage.

His willingness to help other Oregon mayors reach their full potential as community leaders can be witnessed in his long desire and willingness to share Molalla's story at the 2025 OMA Conference. He believes in how we work together as a team in Molalla to make things happen and get things done.

Again, please accept my support for Mayor Scott Keyser for the OMA 2025 Mayors Leadership Award.

Dan Huff
Molalla City Manager