



# City of Lawrence

SUSTAINABILITY  
ADVISORY BOARD

**To:** Mayor Larsen, Commissioners Ananda, Boley, Soden, Herbert; and Tom Markus, Lawrence City Manager

**From:** Sustainability Advisory Board of the City of Lawrence (SAB)

**Date:** February 26, 2019

**Re: City Manager Search**

The City of Lawrence Sustainability Advisory Board would like to advise that Lawrence's new city manager demonstrate an ability to carry out innovative solutions that will prioritize sustainability and make Lawrence a leader in the region.

As a city we have made a good start – a 4 STAR rating for national excellence in sustainability, an adopted resolution for Complete Streets, greenhouse gas mitigation, and a long-range comprehensive plan that includes attention to sensitive lands, stream buffers, urban planning and livable neighborhoods.

Municipal governments across the United States are increasingly aware of their responsibility to support and advocate for sustainable and resilient communities. Climate change will challenge infrastructure – the physical integrity of our roads and water systems – food systems, public health, and city planning. Urban growth will challenge our transportation system and the availability of open space, recreational opportunity, and clean air. Any city manager is likely to be cognizant of such challenges, but we need a city manager who will work at the direction of the Commission to make these initiatives, good intentions, and promising starts a reality.

Sincerely,

City of Lawrence Sustainability Advisory Board

*Jackie Carroll*

Jackie Carroll, Chair