

#### Application Related Information

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Application: Application Not Verified  
Grad Program Applying To: MPA

Iteration Name: 202410\_GR\_G  
Program Name: MPA

#### Recommendation Information

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Recommended By: John Mauro  
Recommenders Institution: City of Port Townsend  
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I do not waive my right to review this recommendation.  
Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommenders Title: City Manager  
Contact Name: Greg Brotherton  
Recommendation Waiver Choice:  
Recommendation Status: Received

Received Date: 01/24/2023 06:05 AM

Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant without reservation.

Recommendation Type: General

Recommender Form: MPA Letter of Recommendation/Form

Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000108962684

Recommendation Owner: Josephine Bernier

#### Recommender Form Questions

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How long have you known applicant:

3.5 years

Applicant ability as self-directed learner:

Greg is intensely self-driven with a passion for learning. Besides making great use of this opportunity for himself, he'll be an asset to the program as well.

Time since last contact with applicant:

1 week

Applicant as productive member of group:

Greg is affable, smart, disarming, inclusive and motivated by a strong sense of justice and service. He's easy to work with and productive.

Relationship with Applicant:

agency partner/leader

Applicant most significant strengths:

Integrity, service ethic, significant local/regional government leadership experience (in motion) with tons of successes, pressure under stress (leading very publicly during COVID), affability and sense of humor, quick wit and intelligence.

Ability to complete rigorous grad program: Excellent

Responsibility/reliability: Very Good

Communication Skills - Oral: Excellent

Communication skills - written: Excellent

Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy: Outstanding

Ability to work independently: Outstanding

Ability to handle stress: Excellent

Ability to think critically: Excellent

Ability to analyze/problem  
solve: Excellent

Openness to feedback: Excellent

Ability to work in a team: Excellent

Ability to think creatively: Excellent

Potential for leadership: Outstanding

Personal/professional  
reflection: Outstanding

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#### Description Information

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#### Other Information

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**RE: Letter of Recommendation for Greg Brotherton**

Thank you for the opportunity to recommend Greg Brotherton for your Masters in Public Administration program. I trust, respect, and admire Greg and his leadership and service ethic. He, our region, and your program will benefit from his participation.

When I arrived in Port Townsend in late 2019 to take on the role of City Manager, none of us knew of the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic would present. I was still getting my bearings in my new role when Jefferson County activated the Emergency Operations Center. I started working with Greg as part of the emergency response that lasted for three years. He listened to the subject matter experts and demonstrated quick and sure analysis. We built consensus effectively and he was decisive. I couldn't ask for a better partner and leader during those early days of COVID.

During that time Greg and his seatmates brought the City of Port Townsend, as well as the Port of Port Townsend and Jefferson County PUD together to help gather community stakeholders for an equitable distribution of the County's award under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES). That group, the Intergovernmental Collaborative Group (ICG), remains together and won the Municipal Excellence Award from the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) and the Program Excellence Award in Strategic Leadership and Governance from the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). Greg and I spent time exchanging thoughts and negotiating a successful rewrite of our interlocal agreement for housing and this helped me understand his ability to articulate a strong position and work productively toward agreement. Greg also actively works on the ground with staff and community members and does so continuously – not just serving in liaison and board roles as part of his Commissioner role, but as an engaged leader wanting to learn and contribute first-hand across our community.

My experience with Greg tells me that he has the oral and written communication skills to thrive in your MPA program. He is an effective communicator in large and small groups and it's always a joy to listen to him address a crowd with purpose, humor, and impact.

Without reservation, I know that Greg will be an asset to your program and I recommend his admittance. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or follow up you might need.

Warm regards,



John Mauro, City Manager

