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Date: February 18, 2026

To: Thomas A. Golden, Jr., City Manager 
From: Ellen Brideau, Chief Assessor
CC: Conor Baldwin, CFO Austin Ball, Deputy CFO

Subject: Request for Authorization to Attend Regional Assessors Conference

Dear Tom,

I respectfully request approval to attend the upcoming Northeast Regional Association of Assessing Officers (NRAAO) Conference in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, May 17–20, 2026.

I'm also honored to share that I will be sworn in as the President of the Northeast Regional Association of Assessing Officers during the Conference. NRAAO brings together assessing associations from across the northeastern United States and eastern Canada, creating a strong regional network of professionals who share ideas, best practices, and legislative insight.

The conference provides meaningful opportunities for collaboration and professional development, particularly around valuation methodology, statutory compliance, and emerging issues affecting our work. Participation supports our continued commitment to maintaining high standards of assessment practice while ensuring we remain informed about policy and market trends impacting our community.

Serving as President also places additional responsibility on me to represent our City in a leadership capacity. I view this as both an honor and an opportunity — one that reflects positively on Lowell and allows me to bring back practical knowledge and regional perspective that directly benefits our office and the taxpayers we serve.

The estimated cost for attendance is as follows:

- Registration: \$395.00
 - Lodging: \$844.80
- Total Estimated Cost: \$1,239.80

I respectfully request approval to attend and represent our City in this regional leadership role.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Ellen Brideau, MAA
Chief Assessor