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Re: The 12th Annual CAPPa Conference, Halifax

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to enthusiastically nominate Clinton Mahoney, a graduate student at the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Saskatchewan, to present his research at the upcoming 2024 CAPPa Annual Conference. I believe that Clinton's work on voters' behaviour and municipal public finance is of high quality and significance in the field.

Clinton is currently pursuing a Master of Public Policy degree under my supervision and has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to academic excellence. His research focusing on public attitudes and responses to potential municipal property tax policy reforms has the potential to make a significant contribution to the existing body of knowledge in public policy and administration. This opportunity will not only allow him to showcase his work but also foster meaningful discussions with peers and experts in the field.

Attending this conference and presenting his research represents a valuable professional development opportunity for Clinton. Not only will he gain experience in presenting a paper at an academic venue, the networking opportunities the conference offers are particularly important at this stage of his professional career. I fully support Clinton's participation in the 2024 CAPPa Annual Conference. Thank you for considering this nomination.

Sincerely,

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Student Researcher Bio: Clinton Mahoney is currently a graduate student in the Master of Public Policy program at the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Saskatchewan. Clinton has completed his coursework in the MPP program and is currently working on revising the survey instrument and collecting data for his thesis research under the supervision of Dr. Yang Yang. Before joining the JSGS, Clinton has earned a Bachelor of Arts Honours (Economics) and a Master of Arts (Economics) at the University of Saskatchewan. Clinton also worked as a research assistant on the project assessing the effectiveness of the City of Saskatoon's business property tax incentives.

Supervisor Bio: Dr. Yang Yang is an Assistant Professor at the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Saskatchewan. Yang's research focuses mainly on behavioural economics, food economics, experimental economics, and public policy. Yang has extensive experience in exploring and analyzing the framing effects in science communication, conducting experiments with stated preference methods using survey instruments and behavioral experiments. Yang is also knowledgeable in public finance and financial management issues. Yang has published in the flagship journals of her discipline (*American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, *Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics*), and in the top multidisciplinary policy journal (*Food Policy*).