

May 5, 2009

Dear Bill,

I am sorry to say that I would like to resign from the Environmental Advisory Commission, and from the General Plan Update Committee.

I have enjoyed my tenure on the Commission, but I find that balancing my commitments to my job, my family, and various volunteer efforts including the Commission is just getting to be too difficult.

To be honest, I have struggled with this decision for a few months now. Every time I go to a Commission meeting, I am reminded of the great potential and of my desire to assist Pasadena in reaching its sustainability goals. However, as my children grow older I find I need to be home and available more than ever. Add to that the tough economic situation, which requires that I put extra effort into finding work for my staff, and I see that something has to give.

I hope that I have been of some use to the City and the Commission. I would be happy to share my thoughts with you about my experience on the EAC, if you like. And I hope you will call on me to offer my professional opinion whenever it might be useful to the City. Once the kids are grown – just a few short years now – I hope I can get more involved again.

Thanks so much for the experience and the confidence you placed in me. I am sorry to let you down.

Please let me know if you would like me to stay on the Commission until I can be replaced, or if there is a certain procedure I need to follow.

Sincerely,



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