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Colleagues,

I realize that I did not include several of you in my earlier email that I am leaving my employment at JPL to work for a downtown L.A. law firm that specializes in municipal law. Unfortunately, I believe that the workload is going to be so significant that I will no longer be able to continue serving on the Pasadena Planning Commission. I will miss working with you, and will miss the opportunities to gain the in-depth understanding of Pasadena's issues that you all have provided. I will, of course, remain committed to helping the City in any way that I can.

I have worked in the field of municipal law for a number of years, and have served as Deputy City Attorney or Assistant City Attorney for a number of cities including Carpinteria, Malibu, Pomona, and South Gate. I've worked closely with both the City and County of Santa Barbara as well as with you. I've also got an M.A. in Urban Planning. I say these things only because I want to show that I have some basis for the following. In my experience you have been the best city staff with which I have ever had the privilege of working. I know you have tough jobs, and I know that it must seem that all public bodies do is criticize, but rarely praise, your efforts. I'm praising you now. I have really appreciated the knowledge, kindness, the extra effort, and the professionalism you have each shown me during my too-short period of service.

I'm expecting to cease my role on the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals effective at the end of this month (September) but I hope to see you around town. I wouldn't think of moving.

Merrilee Fellows

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