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Councilmember Streator,

It was good to see you at the Ethics Training Class at the Convention Center last month! It is my understanding that you will be completing your term with City Council March 2007. Your service to the community has been greatly appreciated!

Working on the Pasadena Human Relations Commission (HRC) has been an interesting experience since joining earlier this year. It has been a pleasure working with fellow commissioners and taking an active role in the community in which I was raised. It is with mixed emotions that I must offer my resignation from the Commission.

As you know, I accepted the opportunity to serve on the HRC to serve the City of Pasadena under your guidance and expand my networking opportunities. On some level, both of those goals have been achieved.

With your departure, I anticipate a new Council member will have his/her own ideas and people in mind to help further their agenda. The timing of completing my assignment can be discussed when we speak.

I realize it was a three year commitment that I was agreeing to. However, circumstances have necessitated a reallocation of my time and resources. My livelihood has been significantly affected by the slowdown in the real estate market. I need to focus exclusively on the work of building my business into a profitable enterprise.

As a salesperson/businessman, I spend a lot of time prospecting and meeting the expectations of customers and clients. Much of the time is uncompensated in hopes of ultimately completing a real estate transaction for a sales commission. It is requiring more of my time than I anticipated. (I became a real estate licensee around the same time I accepted the HRC assignment.)

In reevaluating my time commitments, I have identified other areas of my life where my time is being donated and cut back in those areas as well. Unfortunately, I do not have the luxury of volunteering in face of the challenges my chosen profession has presented.

Thank you for your endorsement of me for the Pasadena Human Relations Commission. I trust we can transfer the duties of my position in a smooth and timely manner.

Respectfully submitted,


Jason Harris

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