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CITY COMMISSIONER ZONE 2

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Dear Friends, Colleagues and Residents:

On July 22, 2021, I sold my home on Halifax Avenue. I was surprised when that house sold as quickly as it did. I had originally planned to live in Zone 2 in one of my alternate properties. However, my family found a "dream house" which takes me outside Zone 2. We closed on that property late last week and have begun the process of setting up a new home for my family.

While I maintain several properties in Zone 2, Daytona Beach which qualify as residences, my family is where my heart is and where I truly reside. I had hoped to complete my term or at least make it until the next election was scheduled in order to avoid a special election; I am not seeking re-election to Zone 2, Daytona Beach City Commissioner. I believe I continue to maintain a residence in the Zone as required by the Charter – my drivers' license address is Zone 2, I have a power and water bill, etc., for a residence in Zone 2. However, I do not wish to distract from the important work of the City with citizens trying to determine how many hours a day I am here or there – (for the record, it's about 15 hours a day at 227 Seabreeze Boulevard). As a business owner in Daytona Beach, this is where I will always have a vested interest; my passion for "my Zone and my City" is undiminished.

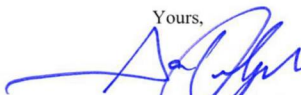
I also value transparency and honesty – because it is up to my fellow commissioners to "investigate" and determine if I maintain a residence (and then to debate the meaning of the term), there could be an appearance of special treatment or political gamesmanship. I wish to avoid that too because I want to increase confidence in our local government, not call it into question.

I have always been a "fighter" and consider myself a "hard worker," so it is not in my nature to leave early. However, the City, its citizens and its work is more important than what I believe about myself. Therefore, I offer my resignation to the People, the City Manager, the Mayor and the Commission.

I am happy to continue to serve until a replacement is chosen or I can step down now. In that, I will be guided by the City Attorney, the Commission and the public. I will attend the next city commission meeting on August 4, 2021 and formally step down at that time.

I leave "public life" grateful for the opportunity to have been of service – I have learned a great deal from working with and for the City of Daytona Beach, made some lifelong friendships and come away from this position greatly enriched by the experience. While "politics" can be a dirty word that conjures up visions of humanity's worst side, my experience with the Commission has been the complete opposite. I do look forward to having more time to spend my wife, Jeri, and rapidly growing sons, Alexander and Gabriel, who have always been my greatest supporters and most valued constituents. Thankfully, I will always reside in their zone.

Yours,



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