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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Kathi Anderson, City Clerk
Date: April 5, 2012
Subject: Cultural Council Resignation

RECOMMENDATION

Council acknowledges the resignation of Cultural Council member Leah Kliger, approves the attached correspondence thanking her for her service, and concurs with the recommendation to wait on recruiting her replacement.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION

Ms. Kliger's resignation notes that she is no longer able to participate on the Cultural Council due to family commitments. City staff recommends that recruitment to fill the remainder of her term wait until the Cultural Council evaluation currently underway is completed. Staff believes that most serious candidates for the position will want to know the ultimate resolution to the question of whether or not the Cultural Council will remain an official city entity before applying. If the City Council decides to leave the Cultural Council as currently formulated, the City Clerk's office will then begin the recruitment.

April 2, 2012

Amy Whittenburg, Chair, Kirkland Cultural Council
Julie Huffman, Special Projects Coordinator
Ellen Miller-Wolfe, Economic Development Manager
City of Kirkland
Kirkland, Washington 98033

Dear Amy, Julie and Ellen,

I am writing to inform you of my decision to resign my position on the Kirkland Cultural Council effective April 30, 2012.

My family commitments have become all important, leaving me with less time to fulfill the requirements of serving on the Council. Having served the City of Kirkland as a member and former chair of the Cultural Council for 6 years, I believe this is the right moment for me to step down to make room for someone with the time, enthusiasm, and energy to devote to the KCC.

I have enjoyed working with past and present KCC members and members of the City Council during my time on the KCC. I appreciate all the three of you have done to support the Cultural Council and will miss our always interesting conversations.

Sincerely,



Leah Kliger
125 11th Avenue
Kirkland WA 98033
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cc Kirkland Cultural Council Members
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April 18, 2012

Leah Kliger
125 11th Avenue
Kirkland, WA 98033

Dear Leah,

We have regretfully received your resignation from the Cultural Council. In your six years on the Council you have distinguished yourself as a strong advocate and leader for arts, culture and heritage in this community. As Chair of the Council, you guided the strategic plan and the formation and implementation of the CACHET and Artilization subcommittees. CACHET is a leading force in collaboration among local art organizations, and Artilization, with its revival of art walks and creation of pop-up art galleries during the depths of the recession, has added much to a community that prides itself on its creativity.

The City Council appreciates your contributions to the Council, and we thank you for volunteering your time and talent to serve the Kirkland community.

Best wishes in your current and future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Kirkland City Council

By Joan McBride
Mayor