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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Kathi Anderson, City Clerk
Date: September 22, 2011
Subject: Library Board Member Resignation and Appointment

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council acknowledge receipt of Mirza Avdic's resignation from the Library Board, approve the attached draft response, and appoint Eric DeJong as the new member to the remainder of the unexpired term, which ends March 31, 2013.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Mr. Avdic has tendered his resignation effective July 20, 2011 as he has moved from Kirkland and is no longer eligible to serve on the Library Board. Council interviewed and selected Mr. DeJong as an alternate appointee for any future unanticipated vacancy within the following six-month timeframe at their special meeting March 9, 2011.

FROM THE DESK OF
MIRZA AVDIC

September 21, 2011
City Council
City of Kirkland
123 Fifth Avenue
Kirkland, WA 98033

Dear Council Members,

It is with great sadness that I wish to inform you that I have resigned from the Library Board, which I chaired over the past year, effective July 20, 2011. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve over the last three years. Since I last appeared in front of you for interviews in March, certain unforeseen and turbulent winds of life have unfortunately taken me out of the city that I hold so very close to my heart. I now reside in the city of Lake Stevens.

I have made many friends while in Kirkland, and though I can no longer serve the city in an official way, I continue to volunteer with the New Juanita and the Totem Lake Neighborhood Associations. Just this past weekend we successfully completed the 132nd Square Park makeover project, on which steering committee I also sat.

You have heard me speak to you passionately about wanting to participate in the transformation of the Totem Lake Malls area. That passion still burns within me. And if give me the honor to participate as a volunteer consultant when the time for this project comes, I would be happy to be of service. Thomas Paine once said: "My country is the world, and my religion is to do good." It is in that spirit that I wish to continue to bring positive changes not only to my new home city, but to Kirkland as well. For who knows, the same winds that took me away, may bring me back to Kirkland some day.

Sincerely,



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October 5, 2011

Mr. Mirza Avdic
2531 105th Avenue S.E.
Lake Stevens, Washington 98258

Dear Mirza,

We have regretfully received your letter of resignation from the Kirkland Library Board.

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

Best wishes in your current and future endeavors.

Sincerely,
KIRKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Joan McBride
Mayor