

CITY OF KIRKLAND

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**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
MEMORANDUM**

To: David Ramsay, City Manager

From: Kathi Anderson, City Clerk
Tracey Dunlap, Director, Finance and Administration

Date: May 7, 2008

Subject: Design Review Board Member Resignations

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council acknowledge receipt of resignation letters from Design Review Board members Jeff Bates, Steve Cox, Todd Kilburn and Phyllis Warman, and approve the attached draft responses.

City Council
City of Kirkland
123 Fifth Avenue
Kirkland, WA 98033

April 17th, 2008

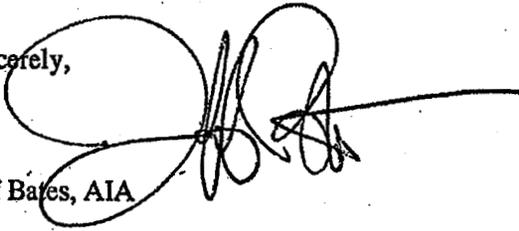
Dear City Council Members,

I am respectfully submitting my letter of resignation from the Kirkland Design Review Board. I am unable to balance the time required of serving as Chair and board member with commitments to my professional and personal life.

I am prepared to chair the April 21st Design Review Board Meeting, if desired. I am also prepared to attend the concluding meeting for the Bank of America project on May 6th to assist with any further questions or clarifications. Please be assured that I will be committed to these two projects during my transition off the Board. My proposed resignation date is May 7th.

I have enjoyed assisting the Design Board in its mission to elevate the design quality of projects submitted to the City of Kirkland and wish you, city staff and the Board all the best in continuing your fine work.

Sincerely,


Jeff Bates, AIA

cc: Jeremy McMahan, AICP
Eric Shields, AICP

May 7th, 2008

Kirkland City Council
123 5th Avenue
Kirkland, WA 98033

re: Design Review Board

Dear Council Member;

Please accept my resignation from the Kirkland Design Review Board, effective immediately.

It's been a challenge. It's been occasionally rewarding. I have usually felt as if I was contributing to the quality of Kirkland's downtown and physical environment. The choices have almost always been difficult, and have been weighed thoughtfully, in an attempt to balance the responsibility of the position with the needs for responsible growth in Kirkland. It now seems evident that the platform and values upon which those choices have been made are not shared by the council. I therefore believe that you are best served by selecting others to fulfill your vision for this role.

I wish you the best.

Steve Cox

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. W. Cox', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stephen W. Cox, AIA, LEED

From: H. Todd Kilburn [mailto:Todd@kilburnarchitects.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2008 1:19 PM
To: Eric Shields
Cc: Jeremy McMahan
Subject: Design Review Board

Dear Eric,

I have just been informed of the City Council's decision to reject the Bank of America's proposed development as approved by the Design Review Board. I am running the gamut of emotions - shock, anger, frustration, and am literally sick to my stomach. It is beyond disappointment when a group of volunteer, Council appointed, experienced design professionals, and dedicated citizens of Kirkland, can be lead through the City's adopted design review process by City staff, attend numerous late night DRB meetings, provide thoughtful advice and feedback to the applicant, and eventually approve the project based on the City's design guidelines, only to be so easily dismissed. It is truly disrespectful and insulting, not only to the Board, but to you and your staff as well.

I have had the opportunity to serve the City on the Design Review Board since its inception and have seen the experience and knowledge of the Board grow tremendously over the years. We have been true to the City of Kirkland's guidelines for a pedestrian oriented city, as well as the other project specific regulations put before us by you and your experienced planners. Our deliberations have often been difficult, however they have always been reasoned and thoughtful, and most importantly, with the best interests of the City in mind. Unfortunately, it is clear that the City Council would prefer a different design review process or maybe just a different Board. Perhaps, the City Council can find the time to review and approve all new projects?

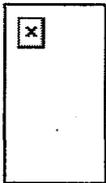
With sadness, I am resigning from the Design Review Board, effective immediately.

Please forward on to the City Council.

Sincerely,

Todd

H. Todd Kilburn AIA



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From: PHYLLIS WARMAN [mailto:pawarman@msn.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2008 12:25 PM

To: KirklandCouncil; Jeremy McMahan; Joan McBride; Dave Asher; Mary-Alyce Burleigh; Jessica Greenway; Tom Hodgson; Bob Sternoff

Cc: Eric Shields

Subject: My resignation from the Kirkland Design Review Board...

Dear Council Members,

As a member of the Kirkland Design Review Board I was appointed by the Kirkland City Council and tasked to ensure thoughtful design throughout the Kirkland commercial areas. Based on the councils remarks and equally important their final vote on a project I strongly believe demonstrated the experience and expertise that make up the Design Review Board I have concluded the city council doesn't ultimately want a Design Review Board. Therefore, please accept my resignation from the Kirkland Design Review Board effective immediately.

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DRAFT

May 20, 2008

Jeff Bates
1010 Third Street
Kirkland, WA 98033

Dear Mr. Bates:

We have regretfully received your letter of resignation from the Design Review Board.

The City Council appreciates your contributions to the Board, and we thank you for volunteering your time and talent to serve our community. The Design Review Board is seen by the Council as a vitally import component as Kirkland continues to witness unprecedented commercial and residential growth. You have assisted the DRB in working through some very challenging projects during your tenure and we particularly appreciate your leadership in stepping up to serve as the Chair of this important City Board.

Best wishes in your current and future endeavors.

Sincerely,
KIRKLAND CITY COUNCIL

James L. Lauinger
Mayor

May 20, 2008

Steve Cox
535 8th Street South
Kirkland, WA 98033

Dear Mr. Cox:

We have regrettably received your letter of resignation from the Design Review Board.

The City Council appreciates your contributions to the Board, and we thank you for volunteering your time and talent to serve our community. The City Council continues to see the Design Review Board as a vitally important component as Kirkland continues to witness unprecedented commercial and residential growth. As one of the charter members of the Design Review Board in 1999, we are grateful for your assistance in helping establish the DRB and reviewing many projects over the years.

Best wishes in your current and future endeavors.

Sincerely,
KIRKLAND CITY COUNCIL

James L. Lauinger
Mayor

May 20, 2008

Todd Kilburn
10624 NE 46th Street
Kirkland, WA 98033

Dear Mr. Kilburn:

We have regretfully received your letter of resignation from the Design Review Board.

The City Council appreciates your contributions to the Board, and we thank you for volunteering your time and talent to serve our community. The City Council continues to see the Design Review Board as a vitally important component as Kirkland continues to witness unprecedented commercial and residential growth. As one of the charter members of the Design Review Board in 1999, we are grateful for your assistance in helping establish the DRB and reviewing many projects over the years.

Best wishes in your current and future endeavors.

Sincerely,
KIRKLAND CITY COUNCIL

James L. Lauinger
Mayor

May 20, 2008

Phyllis Warman
11140 NE 97th Street
Kirkland, WA 98033

Dear Ms. Warman:

We have regretfully received your letter of resignation from the Design Review Board.

The City Council appreciates your contributions to the Board, and we thank you for volunteering your time and talent to serve our community. The City Council continues to see the Design Review Board as a vitally important component as Kirkland continues to witness unprecedented commercial and residential growth. You have assisted the DRB in working through some very challenging projects during your tenure and we particularly appreciate your leadership in stepping up to serve a term as Chair of this important City Board.

Best wishes in your current and future endeavors.

Sincerely,
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