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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Kathi Anderson, City Clerk
Michael Olson, Director of Finance and Administration

Date: February 4, 2021

Subject: Resignation of Board and Commission Members

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council acknowledges receipt of the resignations of Teresa Alonso Thompson, Kim Cremers, Richard Chung and David Edwards from the Kirkland Cultural Arts Commission, Library Board, Park Board and Salary Commission, respectively, and authorizes the attached draft responses thanking them for their past years of service. By approving the consent calendar, the Council authorizes these actions.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Ms. Alonso Thompson will redirect her service to other projects, and Ms. Cremers, Mr. Chung and Mr. Edwards cite changes in residence outside of Kirkland as their reasons for departure. Efforts to fill these positions will be included with the annual Boards and Commissions recruitment set to begin as soon as authorized by the Council.

January 21, 2020

Dear Mayor Sweet and Kirkland City Council Members,

I am writing to inform you of my resignation as Commissioner for the Kirkland Cultural Arts Commission. It has become increasingly clear that I will not be able to be as impactful or productive as I had wished when I initially agreed to serve in this capacity. In no way does this reflect any diminishment of my passion for the role that public art plays in enhancing the Kirkland community.

I will now be able to turn my attention to other community service and philanthropic projects that support innovation, inclusivity, and respect for one another.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the wonderful City of Kirkland.

I remain respectfully yours,

Teresa Alonso Thompson

DRAFT

February 4, 2021

Teresa Alonso Thompson
10244 NE 65th Street
Kirkland, WA 98033

Dear Ms. Alonso Thompson,

We have received your resignation from the Kirkland Cultural Arts Commission.

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

Best wishes on your current and future endeavors!

Sincerely,

Kirkland City Council

By Penny Sweet,
Mayor

From: Richard Chung <RChung@kirklandwa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 11:15 AM
To: City Council <citycouncil@kirklandwa.gov>; Park Board <parkboard2@kirklandwa.gov>
Cc: Rosalie Wessels <RWessels@kirklandwa.gov>; Kathi Anderson <KAnderson@kirklandwa.gov>
Subject: Richard Chung Resignation from Park Board

Hello Council, PCS leaders, & Park Board members,

It is with sincere regret that I tender my resignation from the Park Board effective immediately, as I've moved outside of Kirkland.

In my five-year tenure on the Board, I was able to learn much from the old guard and welcome all of the new, to the point that I somehow managed to become the "oldest" surviving member. It's been a privilege to watch the Department work and see all the thoughtfulness that goes into every decision. I most enjoyed our time together taking & giving feedback and debating all things, from programming in parks, budgets, the color of playground equipment, to why people don't pick up after their pets! I'm proud of all our accomplishments, and sad at some missed opportunities--but hey, we made progress!

After sixteen years in Kirkland, leaving this city is a little daunting. I hope to serve in a similar capacity in my new home of Edmonds, taking everything folks here have taught me about community service, camaraderie, and professionalism.

I will miss you all. Please stay in touch. I can be reached for personal correspondence at rich238@gmail.com.

See you again soon! (My in-laws live in Kirkland so we may still bump into each other.)

Richard Chung
Kirkland Park Board Member 2015-2021
Kirkland Reserve Firefighter/EMT 2008-2011

DRAFT

February 4, 2021

Richard Chung
615 6th St. #206
Kirkland, Washington 98033

Dear Mr. Chung,

We have received your resignation from the Kirkland Park Board.

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

Best wishes on your current and future endeavors!

Sincerely,

Kirkland City Council

By Penny Sweet,
Mayor

From: Kim <kimabc2112@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 11:09 AM
To: 'Kathi Anderson' <KAnderson@kirklandwa.gov>
Subject: Library Advisory Board Resignation

Hello Kathi –

I am moving from the Kirkland area and I am therefore tendering my resignation from the Kirkland library advisory board.

Thank you for the opportunity.

Please forward this email to the City Council as I couldn't locate their email address.

Thank you,
Kim Cremers

DRAFT

February 4, 2021

Kim Cremers
712 Kirkland Circle, A203
Kirkland, WA 98033

Dear Ms. Cremers,

We have received your resignation from the Kirkland Library Board.

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

Best wishes on your current and future endeavors!

Sincerely,

Kirkland City Council

By Penny Sweet,
Mayor

From: David Edwards <David.N.Edwards@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 07, 2021 9:26 PM
To: City Council <citycouncil@kirklandwa.gov>
Cc: Kevin Raymond <KRaymond@kirklandwa.gov>; Kathi Anderson <KAnderson@kirklandwa.gov>
Subject: Kirkland Salary Commission Resignation Letter

Kirkland City Council,

I hope this email finds you well. I am emailing you to inform you that I have very recently moved just outside of Kirkland to Woodinville for the time being. Therefore, I will be required to resign from my position on the Kirkland Salary Commission. I am resigning effective immediately. Thank you for the opportunity to serve Kirkland on the Salary Commission for the past 3 years. As always, feel free to reach out to me if you have any further questions. I look forward to continuing to work with you all in other capacities to serve the people of the Kirkland over the coming years.

Best Regards,
David Edwards

DRAFT

February 4, 2021

David Edwards
12710 86th PI NE
Kirkland, WA 98034

Dear Mr. Edwards,

We have received your resignation from the Kirkland Salary Commission.

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

Best wishes on your current and future endeavors!

Sincerely,

Kirkland City Council

By Penny Sweet,
Mayor