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VIA EMAIL

Mr. Robert L. Cardin, Chairman
Board of Commissioners
Housing Authority of Columbus
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RE: Resignation from Board of Commissioners

Dear Larry:

It is with deep regret that I write to notify you of my resignation as a commissioner of the Columbus Housing Authority, effective this Wednesday, August 27th, immediately following the board meeting on that date.

Serving these past years has been a great privilege. I have learned more than I could have imagined, and my heart certainly is and will remain committed to the Housing Authority's mission. The work of the Authority is so important, and it is my fond hope that I have been able to make some contribution during the course of my tenure.

The only reason I am resigning before the expiration of my second term is because I was nominated by Historic Columbus Foundation to fill its now vacant position on the Board of Historic and Architectural Review (BHAR). This is a board I have served on in the past (more than once), and its mission is in line with my personal passion for historic preservation and neighborhood revitalization. After I was appointed by City Council to BHAR I then learned that I was prohibited from serving both on BHAR and as a commissioner of the Housing Authority. I am still not certain that the rule prohibiting a citizen from serving in two positions that are both appointed by City Council should apply in my situation, since the Council does not technically appoint the Housing Authority commissioners, but after discussion and consideration, I have decided to accept the City's position on this matter and resign from the Housing Authority accordingly.

I am confident there are excellent candidates available to fill my position, but I want to reiterate that I sincerely regret the necessity of resigning.

Personally I have enjoyed serving with each of the other board members, all of whom I count as friends, and I have appreciated each of the highly professional staff members whom I have gotten to know during my tenure on the board.

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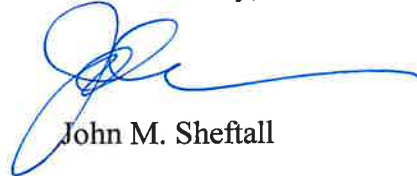
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I hope to stay in touch with all of you and continuing supporting the Housing Authority's critical mission.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John M. Sheftall', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John M. Sheftall

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