

April 1, 2026

Dear Members of the Grand Rapids Human Rights Commission,

I am writing to formally resign from my position on the Grand Rapids Human Rights Commission, effective March 26, 2026.

Serving on the Commission has been a truly meaningful and educational experience. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to be part of such important work and to collaborate with individuals who are so committed to equity, advocacy, and community engagement. The knowledge and perspective I have gained during my time with the Commission have had a lasting impact on me both professionally and personally.

At this time, due to increasing responsibilities in my professional role, I am unable to continue participating in a way that reflects the level of commitment this work deserves. Out of respect for the Commission and its mission, I believe it is best to step aside and allow space for someone who can fully engage in this important work.

I sincerely hope that in the future, when my availability allows, I may be considered again for involvement with the Commission. It would be an honor to return and contribute when I am able to do so more fully.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve alongside you all.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Meittunen