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It is with regret and hesitation that I am writing this letter to inform you of my decision to tender my resignation as Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commissioner effective 12/31/2021. This decision did not come easily but has been contemplated for many months.

My decision to serve our city as a volunteer for over 15 years was predicated on my desire to give back to the community that has been my home since 1973. I raised my family here and my two sons, I am proud to say, are raising their six children here as well. I have been fortunate to have instilled in them the same desire to give back to their community as well. Jeff has served on our Tree Commission for over 10 years and Christopher has served as Grosse Pointe Public School board member and officer from 2017-2020. I love this community and have felt blessed to call it my home town.

I have always told myself that when your work ceases to be enjoyable, it may be a sign that perhaps it's time to reassess what you are doing. Unfortunately that time has come and it has become apparent that it's time for me to step down. My earlier years were very rewarding and I am proud of what this Commission has accomplished. I have never thought of my service to the Planning Commission as short term. It had always been my plan to renew my three year term indefinitely. In recent months, however, I have lost the commitment to our mission and no longer have the patience or demeanor to be effective in my position. I know this has become apparent to my colleagues on the commission and frankly it is not fair to them, the City or myself. With vacancies on the commission now being filled, I believe the commission is better prepared for future challenges and opportunities and I am even more certain that now is the right time for me to move on.

I want to thank you and the rest of the council for giving me the opportunity to serve this wonderful municipality since 2007 in the capacity of Board of Review member, election poll worker and most recently Planning Commissioner. It has been a pleasure to serve and an experience I will always cherish.

Respectfully submitted,  
James R. Profeta