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## Resignation as President of the RCDC

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**To** Makayla Rodriguez <mrodriguez@rollingwoodtx.gov>; Alun Thomas <athomas@rollingwoodtx.gov>

Good morning Makayla and Alun,

Please forward the following to the Mayor and Council.

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please accept this letter as formal notification of my resignation as President of the RCDC, effective immediately. The comments that follow are not directed towards the Mayor, who I find to be a phenomenal executive or Kevin Schell who is new in his role.

This decision was not made lightly, but recent actions taken by the City Council have made my continued leadership of this board untenable. I can no longer align myself with a governing body that appears to value political homogeneity over competence and effective resource management.

My decision is driven by two specific concerns regarding the Council's recent conduct:

First, the refusal to reappoint a highly qualified board member solely based on a diversity of opinion is a dangerous precedent. Effective boards require robust debate, varied perspectives, and intellectual honesty to function correctly. By removing dissenting voices, the Council is fostering an echo chamber rather than a functional governance structure. I cannot preside over a board where independent thought is penalized.

Second, the Council's prioritization has become deeply concerning. The city faces serious safety and commercial development challenges that require focused strategic thinking. Instead, I have watched the Council spend nearly a year—culminating in a recent thirty-minute debate—discussing the regulation of children's personal playscapes. This fixation on petty, non-critical issues is a gross misallocation of time and public resources. It signals a lack of seriousness regarding the actual, substantial work required to move this community forward.

I joined the RCDC to effect real change and drive development. However, given the current climate of intolerance for diverse views and the prioritization of micromanagement over mission-critical objectives, I feel I can no longer be effective in this role.

Sincerely,

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