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Dear City Manager and Mayor,

When I was asked to serve on the City of Demorest Planning Commission I felt it was an honor and privilege to service the City in this capacity.

Being a life long resident of Demorest (30 years in the city and the remainder of my life just outside the city limits) I was always proud of my hometown. Even through some of the city's rough patches – I never felt ashamed of our town. But the past year, things started to shift – maybe it's a socioeconomics development or maybe it's just a tragic shift in our fair city. The January 5, 2021 Council Meeting was my final breaking point:

1. How dare the council not pass the purchase of a fire truck that the citizens of Demorest voted for.
2. How dare the council NOT reappoint Joely Mixon! Without her guidance the City of Demorest's finances would be in total shambles. I have never worked with anyone in my professional career that provides the financial reporting and details that she has this City and Council. Shame on you!
3. How dare the council NOT reappoint Mr. Homans! He has guided this City through (and let me also say prevented) needless litigation too many times to count. He's always professional and his knowledge of the law was a valuable asset to the City.

In business I have learned that you may not always like/or agree with your peers/coworkers – but it's the “whole” that makes a company or city work/better. At the present, I see the “whole” as being one-sided, arrogant and vindictive – there is NO respect for each other or the knowledge that person brings to the table.

When I accepted the Planning seat I was handed a book and told “read it – no you don't need classes”. Well I did read it, but that didn't feel like enough to make decisions on city building/zoning regulations. So I watched videos, read books about other cities – in other words I **educated** myself. When I walked into a meeting I had driven by the property; I had in hand county tax maps, code regulations marked, square footage of lots/buildings all marked out (this was information that I gathered) – I WAS PREPARED!

As a citizen looking in at the new council (yes I consider each council member as new) I see them as uneducated and NOT PREPARED to handle the dealings with the City's business. I also see some of them as arrogant, vindictive and with their own personal agendas – those words do not describe an individual that is looking out for my City of Home's well-being.

Mr. Mayor, thank you for asking me to accept the position and having faith in my decision making ability. At this time, my professional reputation (and morals) go against everything this new Council exudes. Therefore, I respectfully tender my resignation effective immediately (January 6, 2021) from the City of Demorest Planning Commission.

Best regards

Best regards,  
Nancy L Adams

Since I have not received payment for my last meeting (May 6, 2020) I respectfully ask that you make the check out to Chief Ken Ranalli for his use at the Fire Department.