

FROM THE DESK OF

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Dear Dr. Rick Austin,

I am writing to you, the Mayor of the City of Demorest, to regretfully submit my resignation from the Demorest City Planning Committee. My resignation is due to the recent actions of the city council members at the council meeting that took place on 5 January 2021, it is a decision also based on the current council members actions dating back for some time now. Their reckless behavior and lack of foresight is not only a gross disservice to the citizens of Demorest, but these such actions are also against my personal moral compass.

Over the last year, I have watched the citizens of Demorest lose trust in the individuals that are supposed to be leaders within this community, to advocate for the citizens, and to make sound decisions for Demorest as a whole. As a people leader in my profession, I can assuredly express that the current council members do not exhibit leadership competencies nor professionalism and have instead made a mockery of the town that I care so deeply for. The lack of transparency, the apparent hidden agendas, and the failure to communicate in the true style of a community leader is lacking to say the least. I will continue to pray for this community and I will continue to have hope that one day, the council members will stop taking so many steps in the wrong direction of where Demorest needs to go. I appreciate being able to serve the community for the time that I was able to. Thank you for that opportunity. I simply cannot continue to work within this city's current structure.

Regards,

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