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**Subject:** Resignation From Sustainability Commission

To: Members of The Sausalito City Council and Sustainability Commission Members

From: Rich Fortmann

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It is with regret that I hereby submit my resignation from the Sustainability Commission effective immediately. It has been a pleasure serving on the Commission and the accomplishments of the Commission have been rewarding. However, I have some business interests out of the state that require my attention full time in this challenging business environment and I need to devote all my time to pursuing these business opportunities for the foreseeable future. With this demand on my time, I do not feel that I can dedicate the time necessary to be an effective and productive commissioner and am resigning to allow someone with more time to occupy my seat.

Should there be matters that come up where I can add historical perspective or information, to the extent available, I will be happy to help. Best of luck in the many challenges facing the City and Commission.

Richard Fortmann

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**From:** dane faber

**Date:** Thu, 29 Jan 2009 08:52:07 -0800

**To:** Adam Politzer<apolitzer@ci.sausalito.ca.us>

**Subject:** good morning

Hi Adam,

thanks for your nice call. just for the record, there hasn't been some earth shattering confrontation that led to an angry response (resignation) by me. And as unbelievable as this will sound, Rich and I reached our decisions independently of one another! OK, yes, we did discuss our independent reasons and conclusions, but having returned from a 3 week vacation (with lots of time to think while insulated from the usual distractions) I had concluded that I needed to get back to work! So, I called Rich, whom I hadn't seen in nearly a month, or spoken with him in the same time frame and asked him to go have a beer with me. I then hit him with my revelation that my 5 years on SSC might be enough and he blows my mind by telling me that he had reached the same conclusions, for many of the same reasons! Really- its the truth!

So, the downside is that two resignations at the same time are tough but he has his reasons, and I have mine and here we are. I know many of the issues facing the city and it is going to be a big time demand to deal with them (especially the sewers). I just don't see how I can manage my biz and devote the serious time I see needed for SSC. I hope you will understand and while it may complicate your life a bit right now, as many are saying... "life will proceed." I wish you well and look forward to our Rotary meetings and other opportunities to socialize.

Sincerely,

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