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Debbie –

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--Jeremy

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Jeremy:

After much thought and consideration, I have decided to resign from the Business Advisory Committee effective immediately. For the past several years, I feel that the work of the Committee has been largely ignored and under appreciated by the City Council and, looking to the immediate future, I see no substantial change in this attitude.

I have been a member of this committee since the late 1990s and was a member of its predecessor, the Business Task Force, which wrote the Economic Element to the 1995 General Plan. Over the years, I believe that the Committee has served a valuable purpose as a liaison between the City Council and the residents and the business community. There have been some extraordinary leaders that served on the committee, including Paul Albritton, Amy Belser, Mike Kelley, Charlotte Flynn, Mike Stone, David Levinson and others. The Committee has served to foster good relationships between Council, staff, the residential and business communities. The Committee sponsored the Imagine Sausalito process which brought together an unprecedented amount of civic involvement. The Committee has sponsored public polling and community meetings over the years, all serving to further good relations in the community, not to mention addressing the City's financial needs. The Committee was instrumental in streamlining the permit process and has played an active role in voicing concerns about public service at City Hall.

Since the current administration decided to vest the Chair's role to only a City Council person, impose a public meeting structure and impose term limits, I have seen the enthusiasm, vision, cooperation and actions by the Committee deteriorate. In some ways, it has become a monthly meeting burdened by structure rather than the free flow of ideas and solutions to our ever changing issues. And without strong leadership in the Chair's role, there is no continuity of purpose.

I would remind the committee that the two current open seats are restricted to local business people or commercial landlords, need not be residents and are selected by the committee as a whole. I know that Amy Clawson of Butler Shine Stern & Partners has submitted an application. She would be an excellent choice as she represents the largest private employer in Sausalito.

I thank you for your consideration. The Staff has always been a very important part of the work of this committee and I thank you for your hard work.

Thanks ----- Bruce

PS Could you please forward this to any committee member that I may have missed. Thanks

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