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Mayor Barbara Halliday
City Council Members
City of Hayward
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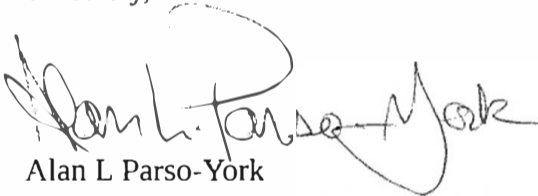
Dear Mayor Halliday and City Council Members:

It is with sadness that I hereby resign from my position as Planning Commissioner. Personal challenges prevent me from continuing to serve. It has been a privilege being on the Planning Commission for the last three years. Thank you for the opportunity and the experience.

Hayward is going through a renaissance that will make a great city an even better place if we build the density required to support real 24x7 public transit and that brings in the people to support the shops, restaurants and other businesses we want in our community. To have a 'livable' and enjoyable city we need green space between the buildings with room to play. That requires going taller to provide the needed density. A human-scale 'street-scape' is much more important than what we lose from a taller skyline. Tall buildings built like a wedding cake, stepping back in all directions allow light and air between towers that won't overshadow sidewalks. We need to bring more workers downtown by requiring larger office buildings. We also need jobs interspersed with denser housing along our main corridors like Mission and Foothill. The density is needed to support public transit and the 'greenest' commute, walking.

I wish all of you and our great 'crossroads' city the very best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan L. Parso-York". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Alan L Parso-York

cc
Miriam Lens, City Clerk
David Rizk, Director of Development Services
Heather Enders, City of Hayward Planning Commission Chair