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**Subject:** Planning & Zoning Board

Dear Village Council Members --

It has been an honor to serve you and the Village over the past year. But I believe it is timely for me to resign from the Village's Planning & Zoning Board. I have some unanticipated family issues that I need more time to help address. I also have been recruited into an exciting new environmental waste-to-energy technology business venture. So it seems a logical time for me to step off of the Board as a substantially new group takes the reins. I'm glad to serve through the immediately upcoming meetings to help ensure quorums until such time as you have named a new member.

I feel very good about our Board's providing a positive recommendation to you all regarding the Village Center Comp Plan Amendment -- which was my main personal objective when accepting the initial PZB chairmanship. In particular, I was glad to see that the revision of the Plan Amendment that came to us for our recommendation included several references to something I had suggested to Howard Levitan and Mary Gibbs -- an *option* for the Village Council to accept a developer's plan, without the normally-demanded conformance with form-based code for grids of streets and blocks -- IF (and only if) the Council finds such plan meets the objectives which that sort of code is intended to fulfill, such as walkability and connectivity. From my days in charge of air and waste management regulations at the US Environmental Protection Agency, I saw how very positive such results-based regulation can be. By requiring certain end results instead of invariably specifying an exclusive way to get there, a regulator often stimulates regulated parties to innovate creatively in ways that may benefit all concerned. (Of course, if innovation is lacking or fails in the Council's view to meet performance expectations, the "baseline" rules -- in this case, a form-based code -- would apply by default.)

I want to thank and compliment the people I have worked with most often on PZB matters from the Village government -- Howard Levitan, Mary Gibbs and Nancy Stroud. . My colleagues on the Board have been dedicated and enjoyable to work with. I am confident my friend Scotty Wood will do very well as the next chairman..

We have a great Village and a great group of Council members dedicated to serving their constituents. Fond best wishes to you all!

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