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✓ Mayor Stan Henry  
Mayor Pro Tem Greg Pettis  
John Aguilar  
Mark Carnevale  
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Dear Cathedral City Council Members:

I write to thank you for appointing me to the Public Arts Commission in July, 2015. During my 18 month tenure I joined several sub-committees that tackled projects important to the commission and/or to the City. I am pleased to have served on the Sculptures Sub-committee which recently completed the task of choosing locations around our fair city for several selected sculptures.

I applied to serve on the Public Arts Commission in early 2015 with the intention of concentrating on art in public places; I know there is a lot more to do in the City. At this time however I must resign my position, effective immediately. My hope is that the chair will allow me to be involved as a community member, a strategy that has been discussed by the commissioners.

I serve on a board of a non-profit that is working to bring itself to the next level. Last year I worked on revising the outdated bylaws which were signed and processed in December: a proud moment. This year my team will spend time reviewing and revising the 300+ page Operations Manual, deleting, changing and adding information, much of which I will need to research. It is a daunting task and will require perseverance and single-minded concentration.

This non-profit needs the skills I bring to the board and my attention needs to be focused on its infrastructure; on the other hand, the Public Arts Commission has several candidates waiting in the wings to apply – all of whom are worthy of an appointment to serve the rest of my three-year commitment.

I do look forward to working with the City on various committees as time allows, but at this time I cannot give the Public Arts Commission the necessary concentration it deserves from an active member. Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to serve the community as a commissioner.

Sincerely,

  
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Cc: Alan Carvalho, Chair  
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