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I am directing this letter to the city council and sending a copy to my fellow commissioners. As a members of the parks & Community events commission. I was hoping to speak to my fellow commissioners directly at our next meeting but due to scheduling conflicts the last few meeting dates have been changed.

I would like to take a quick moment to mention our cities directional change in regards to the cannabis industry. Originally there were 3 on the books (and our family felt this could have been transitioned in without much major impact on businesses.) Now because of this directional change, along with decisions made by our landlord and the saturation of cannabis our family business has been impacted. It has become necessary to relocate our business from Perez Road. (And for people to say we are leaving for other reasons is simply not true. Had there not been an over saturation of cannabis in our area we would not be moving.)

My role in Cathedral City is as follows, I am a resident, a Cystic Fibrosis Advocate, a business owner along with being a member of the chief's advisory council and I'm on the parks & community events commission. When I was chosen for a position with the parks and community events committee I was asked a direct question. Because we had a business some dates and times could conflict, did I feel I could be a commissioner. I said, Yes. In so many words I basically said I had discussed this with my family and because we were so close we could work my schedule accordingly. Now because of these directional change we have been unable to relocate in Cathedral City and have relocated in Rancho Mirage. And although relatively close this does now cause a scheduling conflict not being one street away for the city offices.

With this said I will be resigning from my position with the parks & community events commission immediately.

At this point I have completed all of my outstanding commitments as a board member and feel I can leave with a clear heart. I have very much enjoyed working with my fellow commissioners along with the organizations, people and events thus far. And yes even the education on the government processes.

As a still resident of Cathedral City I will continue to support my fellow small business owners. I will remain a member of the chiefs advisory council but now I will be an at will volunteer and go where I'm needed as asked. Allowing me to fit these events in with my new schedule.

Respectfully,
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