

To: City Manger Cifuentez,  
City Attorney Mizote,  
and all Hanford City Council Members

July 12, 2021

From: Roger Snow, Planning Commissioner

Please accept this letter as notice of my official resignation from the Hanford Planning Commission effective immediately. I will not be attending the meeting On July 13, 2021 due to being out of town unexpectedly and there is only one item which seems very clear as to how we are to vote. This is one reason that I am resigning. The Planning Commission should be advised with the same assistance as to how to vote against the issue as when the Commission is voting as advised by the City. This does not happen now, nor does it seem to be welcomed.

Another reason is the treatment of another commissioner regarding social media posts and his resignation form the Commission. I stated in a previous letter to Francisco Ramirez on June 22, 2021 I sent through Diana Black, Commissioners should be able to to speak freely about social issues. Our viewpoints or disagreements should not be used to remove a Commissioner from a Commission.

Commissioners should be able to disagree and post their views without fear of retaliation and removal from office. Commissioners should be able to speak out against City Council Members and City Staff. Unless, there is no acceptance by the City Council to a difference in views. And no City Council Member alone should threaten a Commissioner with removal.

I want to thank you for my time on both the Parking and Traffic Commission and the Planning Commission. I am upset that my only recourse is to leave because I have learned so much from serving. I will now take a more active role in my participation as a resident and will see you in the future.

Sincerely,

Roger Snow