

Sunday, January 23, 2022

Dear Mayor Dyer:

I have been visiting Charleston, South Carolina, attending my grandson's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday. My grandson's birthday and my birthday are 9 days apart – January 12<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. My son from Portland and his wife have attended the birthday as well, and we have had a wonderful time celebrating together as a family.

After much consideration, I have elected to retire from the City of Fresno.

Please accept this letter of resignation as the City Manager for the City of Fresno effective February 1, 2022. Upon retirement, my wife and I will be moving to Charleston, South Carolina, to live near my son, his wife, and our grandson so that we can be a part of their daily lives.

My 8 years in Fresno have been nothing short of amazing, and I will treasure my time here forever. I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as the City Manager for this great City – the absolute pinnacle of my professional career. It was an honor serving as your City Manager, and I will sincerely miss working with everyone at City Hall to deliver value to the residents, businesses, and institutions of the City.

While I am saddened that I will not be able to continue on your One Fresno journey to transform this City, I am eager to enter retirement so that my wife and I can live close to family – we have missed living near our children. I am excited for the City's future, and I am excited for my future – the best is yet to come for both of us.

Thank you again for the opportunity – It was a dream come true.

Sincerely,



Thomas C. Esqueda