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Good Afternoon,

Mayor Gillmor, City Council, Planning Commission, Staff, City Clerks Office.

Last night was my last official meeting with planning commission while my last official day will be effective @ 12pm Noon on December 7th, 2020. Please see attached letter I read last night at the end of the planning commission meeting under announcements.

-Anthony Becker
Councilmember-Elect District 6

Dear Mayor & Council, City Manager, City Clerk, Planning Commission, Planning Staff.

To **my** fellow commissioners and **my** fellow Santa Clarans,

I have to say, this has been one fun journey that I am glad to share with all of you. This was a dream come true, not only winning the election but being appointed to this significant body. I thank Mayor Gillmor, Councilmembers Patty Mahan, Pat Kolstad and Teresa O'Neill for appointing me to the planning commission in 2018.

My win does not change anything from how I governed here on the Planning Commission. I will have **my** open-door policy. I will always be willing to listen to any of **my** colleagues here. I am always one call away.

My goal the entire time on this commission was to provide transparent oversight on the development of our city. **My** initiative was to be the representative of the people and advisor to the council. I had residents as **my** compass and **my** independent voice as **my** strength. I will work hard to work for those that have supported me and work harder for those that did not.

I look forward to working with Mayor Gillmor, Councilmembers Hardy Chahal and Watanabe and council elects Park and Jain.

All of you have helped me in some way or somehow. We have shared personal stories, we have broke bread, and we have all collaborated on some project. We will agree and disagree but at the **end** of the day we respected one another despite any differences. You are **my** collogues, you are **my** friends, you are **my** family. We are Santa Clarans and together we will make this a better city by providing prosperity for the future decedents.

To STAFF: Gloria, Reena, Elizabeth and our camera crew. First Gloria and Elizabeth you both were there when I was taking the bus for sometime and it was stormy, they always offered to give me a ride. The staff is stellar that helped me with everything. Our attorney Xander Abbe was a pleasure to work with and I always values his professional opinion. You always gave me sound and fair advice. During this pandemic all of you have provided all of us commissioners and councilmembers with the tools & the resources. Yet a lot of our meetings are not successful without our stellar camera crew you as you all deserve lots of credit to make these meetings flawless. You are the window to our audience now, you provide the communication for our residents since we can't be in person.

Voters have overwhelming made a statement for the direction of Santa Clara and I can't wait to get to work.

Therefore, I am announcing **my** resignation from the Santa Clara Planning Commission effective @ noon on December 7th, 2020, one day before I am sworn in as the district 6 city councilmember.

I would like to make it a duty and obligation that with a new council comes a new perspective different than couple months ago. I personally feel that we open up the application process and include those from the former pool of candidates. This is the way of democracy. We could have applicants that may have never applied and voices we have never heard from till now.

To the one who will replace me ... this office is your canvas...champion values, listen to residents and above all be independent. Your compass is your community and your voice is your reason. You hold the keys to the future and what the future holds. Plan it well.

To **my** commission before I go, I won't forget you and It was a pleasure and honor to serve with all of you.