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San Jose, CA 95126

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Toni Taber,
City Clerk, City of San Jose
200 E. Santa Clara St.
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Ms. Taber:

I want to thank the City Council for allowing me to be interviewed for the San Jose Planning Commission on April 9th. Considering the unfortunate circumstances surrounding my application, I believe that was a fair decision. I also want to thank you for how quickly and professionally you have handled this issue.

I do want to put on record that I did not request nor do I believe I received any special treatment. I applied for the position early. I was mistakenly omitted from the qualified list that the Council initially received. Some Council members may not have been aware that a second list included my name. I was not selected to be interviewed, which I was absolutely fine with. I only discovered something changed when you emailed a request to me about being interviewed on April 9th. I said yes more out of instinct to serve than anything else.

I applied to the Planning Commission after hearing of the lack of qualified applicants. I thought my past experience and service to the City, including being a past member and Chair of the Planning Commission, could be helpful. I am pleased that the new round brought out so many qualified candidates.

Since applying and not being selected, I have volunteered for other public service projects. This combined with knowing the council has a solid selection of candidates to choose from, I have decided that the city does not require my services and I am withdrawing my application. I do so without any negative feelings, knowing that the Council did all it could to correct an unintentional error.

Sincerely,



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