

June 3, 2020

Mayor Jan Pepper
Los Altos City Hall
1 North San Antonio Road
Los Altos, CA 94022

Dear Mayor Pepper,

It has been an honor to serve on the Planning Commission. Being able to give back to my community has been an incredibly rewarding experience. I am proud of not only what we accomplished during my time on the Planning Commission, but also how we accomplished it. We were fortunate to have excellent staff that did a great job packaging and presenting information. Each commissioner brought their own perspective, and while we may not have always all agreed initially, spirited discussions always remained respectful and led to better outcomes. This process brought about decisions that I believe will serve Los Altos well for years to come.

However, it is with mixed emotions that I must resign from the Planning Commission effective immediately. The Covid-19 pandemic has severely impacted the hospitality industry. I have been dealing with the immediate repercussions of this crisis on my business and, as the country begins to re-open, I must now focus on and prioritize the re-opening of our hotels and other real estate projects across the country - enabling opportunities for our colleagues to return to work. I very much appreciate the opportunity that you and the rest of City Council gave me to serve on the Planning Commission and give back to my community. I wish you all the best and thank you for all you do for our city and our community, especially during these challenging times.

Kind Regards,



Alex Samek

CC: Jon Biggs