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Dear Town of Angier,

I am writing to formally resign from my position as Town Commissioner, effective immediately.

It has been a true honor to serve our community in this capacity. When I was elected, I approached this role with a pure intent to make a positive impact and contribute to the well-being of our town. I have cherished the opportunities to work alongside dedicated colleagues and to engage with the community I deeply care about. Fulfilling the role of commissioner has been a joy to say the least!

However, the ongoing internal conflicts and the constant stress associated with this position have made it increasingly difficult for me to fulfill my responsibilities effectively. I know that my heart is still very much in serving our community, but I have come to realize that I can do so in ways that do not require me to endure the continuous defense of my character. Over the last year I have seen beautiful growth among board members, and within our community. I too have been privileged to the dark side of politics, and what adult bullying looks like. That environment is not conducive to the physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing of myself and my family.

Stepping down is not a decision I take lightly; it is truly a hard choice. Yet, I know that this is what is best for my well-being and that of my family. I remain committed to serving our community in other capacities and hope to find ways to contribute positively without the burdens I have faced.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve, and for your support during my time as commissioner. I wish the council and the community all the best moving forward.

Sincerely,

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Dear All,

I am writing to announce my resignation from my position as Town Commissioner, effective immediately.

It has been a true honor to serve our community. However, I must be direct about the reasons for my departure. The environment has become increasingly hostile, particularly with a manager who publicly humiliates board members both in open session and on social media and a mayor who has lost the trust of his colleagues. These dynamics have created a culture that is not conducive to effective governance, and an environment in which I will no longer participate.

I have always prioritized what is moral, ethical, and right over what may simply be legal. Unfortunately, I find it impossible to fulfill my duties with a sound mind amid the excessive noise, gossip, and bickering that have not become, but remained all too common. My heart is still dedicated to serving our community, but I recognize that I can do so more effectively outside of this role.

I want to express my gratitude to the sitting board for their commitment and resilience. Your ability to endure this challenging environment is commendable, and I genuinely admire your dedication.

While all may not share the same faith as I do, I believe that God used me for a time, a willing vessel. Matthew 10:14 says “If anyone does not welcome you or does not want to hear you, shake the dust off your feet.” Over the last year I have come to realize the truth in that verse. I can walk away with a clear conscience knowing I did my best to produce fruit for the town of Angier. I am choosing to resign as an act of love and respect for myself and my family. We do not have to endure this type of behavior nor be subject to it even as bystanders.

I have attached a resignation letter that Mayor Juneses can read or publish. I realize this email is also public record, however I wanted to provide a letter that was less direct in an effort to reduce and minimize negative attention to anyone in particular. I trust the boards judgement and decision on how and what is shared.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to serve. I wish you all continued strength and success as you work for the betterment of our town.

Sincerely,

Ashley Strickland
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Commissioner Ward 2