



Staff Report

Agenda Item: **COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL** - Discussion and consideration regarding acceptance of Councilmember Williams' resignation letter.

Meeting Date: April 24, 2012

Prepared By: Gayle Mabery, Town Manager

Background: Council Member Patricia Williams has submitted a letter of resignation from her position on the Clarkdale Town Council, effective April 24, 2012. Ms. Williams was first elected to office in 2004, and was re-elected for subsequent 4 year terms in both the 2008 election and the March, 2012 Primary Election. The resignation is from the remainder of her current term (which ends in May, 2012) and for term that she was elected to in March (which begins in June, 2012).

A copy of Ms. Williams resignation letter is attached.

Recommendation: Acceptance of Councilmember Williams' Letter of Resignation from the Town Council, effective April 24, 2012.



Patricia Williams
1130 Sunrise Drive
Clarkdale, AZ 86324

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Mayor Doug Von Gausig
Vice Mayor Richard Dehnert
Council Member Curt Bohall
Council Member Bill Regner
P.O. Box 308
Clarkdale, AZ 86324

Re: Resignation from the Clarkdale Town Council

Dear Mayor Von Gausig and Members of the Council:

It has been my privilege to serve as a member of the Clarkdale Town Council for the past 8 years, and I was extremely honored to receive the endorsement of the citizens of Clarkdale to serve a 3rd 4-year term during the March, 2012 Primary Election.

As you know, I moved to Clarkdale in 1999 and began volunteering for the Town almost immediately. Prior to my service on the Town Council, I also served as a member and as chairperson of both the Design Review Board and the Heritage Conservancy Board. Since my arrival here, Clarkdale's history has been a passion for me, and I was extremely proud to guide the establishment of the Clarkdale Historical Society and Museum, play a role in ensuring that our historic Gazebo was refurbished instead of replicated, and help achieve the Preserving Our Past Award from the State of Arizona. I've very much enjoyed contributing my time to these and many other causes/organizations during my time in Clarkdale.

Clarkdale has seen its fair share of challenges during the 8-years that I've served on the Town Council, and I'm extremely proud of the way our community has faced them. There will be difficult decisions to be made for Clarkdale in the future... water, growth and economic development just to

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name a few. It is my hope that, when the people of Clarkdale celebrate the Town's Bi-Centennial in 2112, they will still have a Town that cares about its history, retains its small town character, is surrounded by beautiful open spaces, and has the wonderful quality of life that we all enjoy today.

As you know, I was treated successfully for cancer last year, and was able to continue participating as a member of the Town Council through my treatment process. Although I was still recovering from those treatment processes, I felt strong and was confident that I could serve another term on the Town Council when I started the nomination process last December. Unfortunately, my health has deteriorated, and over the past month I've come to the determination that I can no longer continue to serve as a member of the Town Council.

Although I hope to return to good health in the future, I feel it is in my own best interest and in the best interest of the Town of Clarkdale for me to resign at this time. With this in mind, please accept my resignation, effective at the April 24, 2012 Council meeting.

I hope that I have provided good service to the residents of the Town of Clarkdale as a member of the Town Council. It has been a pleasure to serve with you as Council Members and with our Town staff, and I have every confidence that you will appoint a new member of the Council that will have the best interests of our town in their heart.

Sincerely,



Patricia Williams
Clarkdale Town Council Member