

June 26, 2022

To: City Clerk Sheri Pierce; City Manager Mark Detter; Mayor Sharon Scheidt; the Valdez City Council:

From: City Council Member Dawson Moore

I am resigning my position on the Valdez City Council, effective July 5, 2022. My father's passing has left me with an estate that is going to take years to process. It is work for which I need to be primarily located in San Francisco. I appreciate that I was allowed to participate from afar since January, but I'm no longer on Family Medical Leave, and the people deserve to be represented by one of their neighbors, living among them and directly sharing their concerns.

Mark and Sheri, I appreciate all you've done to help me understand my responsibilities and the operations of the City. I've enjoyed our conversations and respect you both professionally and personally. I'm glad you're on the top of Valdez' organizational chart.

Sharon, you've done an excellent job leading Council since the mayorship was thrust upon you, from public meetings to work behind the scenes. I have felt in good, reliable, and moral hands since I was brought on.

Fellow Council Members, I was proud to be a member of a group of people I respected as much as I respect you all. We didn't (and shouldn't) agree on everything, but it was always a civil conversation. No small accomplishment right now. It's been a pleasure.

How you temporarily fill my seat will be up to you. I believe the best course of action is to either hold a special election or take applications for the seat. You could just give it to the next highest vote-getter from the last election, but the vote difference between second and third place was vast. There's precedent for using other methodology, and more choices would be better.

My father's death and my subsequent life changes have caught me off-guard and drastically changed my plans. I had no inkling when I accepted this position that I'd have to resign. Nothing about my move makes me sadder than having to write this letter.

While I have to relocate, my intention is to stay on at the college as coordinator of the Valdez Theatre Conference. This would bring me back to town in May and June, and I'm grateful for that opportunity. This place has been magical for me since 1995 when I started coming here for a week every summer.

It's been an honor to serve with you.

Sincerely,

Dawson Moore

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