

24 March 2022

Dear Mayor, Council, and Manager:

With my family's support, I am submitting my resignation from the Duncan Town Council, effective immediately. It is an unjust burden on the council and manager to have to navigate an unremitting stream of public hostility directed at one council member. The accusations are without merit; in fact, the authors' actions may be, in part, designed to draw attention away from real issues. Had this statement voiced concerns that added something of value to community discourse, my decision would have been different. But the statement is not substantive, and it appears to be based almost entirely on fabrications and misperceptions. It should not be given a spotlight by being published in a ballot handbook. Nor am I willing to refute it or in any way give it oxygen. Duncan has much more important things to think about, as you know.

I will notify the regional committees on which I represent the town that I am no longer serving. They are: Freeport McMoRan Community Partners Panel, SEAGO Economic Advisory Council, SEAGO Regional Broadband Group, and Eastern Arizona Trails Collaborative.

Thank you for your good fellowship in these best and worst of times. Because you are, at long last, working with Pat Walker and other municipal finance professionals, as well as our excellent town attorney, I'm confident that you will be able to get Duncan back on track.

Sincerely,

Deborah Mendelsohn