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Councilor Nicholas Harris – City of Lafayette, Oregon

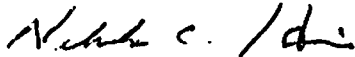
Mayor Chris Heisler – City of Lafayette, Oregon  
Citizens of Lafayette, Oregon

**Subject: Resignation**

After long consideration and thought, I have decided not to seek re-election. Therefore, I am immediately resigning my position as City Councilor. It has become clearly apparent that your New Lafayette faction will not reach compromise and has a clear agenda that I cannot support. Our recent discovery of Mr. Joe Wrabek's discrepancy of listing a Public Administration degree from a "diploma mill" on his resume is the final straw prompting my decision. How can we, as a council, have any credibility based upon our last 10-month performance?

- We managed to hire an inexperienced city administrator that cost the city thousands of dollars and you continued to support him even when it was quite apparent that he was not qualified for the job.
- We allowed the recall of two dedicated men who brought creative thought and debate that enhanced the city overall. This effort was endorsed by you.
- We lost public trust by allowing Councilor Leah Harper to violate public records procedures and you have not addressed the complaint.
- We promoted a toxic work environment that forced a 10-year experienced city employee to resign, causing us to hire a city administrator that I have no confidence in.

Recent council decisions have placed Lafayette on a spiraling course for budgetary and infrastructural disaster. We have no plan to improve our water infrastructure and continue to jeopardize our relationship with the City of Dayton due to the statements made by Councilor Leah Harper and yourself. You made the claim that you would bring sanity to the water rates and still have not made good on your promise. We, as a Council, should be ashamed for this unprofessional behavior and the Citizens of Lafayette deserve better. I hope that November will present a solution.



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