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To: All City Council
Mark Orme, Debbie Presson, Vince Ewing

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It is with regrets and sadness that I submit my resignation from the Chico City Council. Regrets that the community I love and only hoped to serve has become toxic for me, sadness that as hard as I tried modeling civil discourse and respectful treatment of people from the dais, I have clearly failed at changing anyone.

No one should be forced to choose between family and community, but that is precisely the situation that I have been placed in. My livelihood, in the form of a seasonal job that I relied upon to support my loved ones has been sabotaged. Plans to interfere with my wife's employment have been discussed on social media. My home address has been published as part of a strategy of harassment. And an innocent small business owner a thousand miles away has been targeted with paid ads by Citizens for a Safe Chico for merely employing me.

Had this happened to any of my colleagues on the council I would have been the first to publicly condemn it.

I was "prematurely retired" by COVID in 2020, and am in no position to have my income impacted by those who apparently have no limits to the depths they will go to ruin me. Because of these attacks, I have had to resign the position that I worked for months to secure, and that I depended on to get my family through this year.

As a councilor I would never stop advocating for what I believe are the morally and ethically correct solutions to Chico's challenges. By doing so it seems clear that the escalating harassment will only continue to dog my ability to work, and given the tone and content of online discussions I genuinely fear for my family's well-being. For all of these reasons I resign my Council seat, effective immediately.

It has been an honor and a privilege to work with an incredibly dedicated and capable city staff, and a council of peers who share the overarching goal of doing what they believe is best for the City of Chico.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Huber