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MAYOR'S STATEMENT ON COMMISSIONER RESIGNATION AND STAFF LIAISON CHANGE

Yesterday I received and accepted Mr. Evan Renfro's resignation from the Human Rights Commission. Mr. Renfro was one of the three new Human Rights Commissioners I appointed two weeks ago, on January 19th. I wish him the best in his continued activism for human rights globally.

Additionally, I miscommunicated in my statement last week, in which I noted that the Human Rights Commission Liaison was being replaced. This transition had been planned since last year, when the City Council agreed to hire a full-time Human Resources Manager, and is intended to give the Human Rights Commission a fresh staff perspective. Both staff members have been attending recent HRC meetings and passing along vital corporate knowledge; I anticipate the transition process will be complete within the next few weeks.

I deeply apologize to this staff member if my poor choice of words came across to the public as some kind of admonishment or disapproval. This individual continues to very ably serve as a city Personnel Specialist, and the city is very fortunate to continually benefit from her passion, knowledge, and commitment to excellence. I will be more careful in how I phrase these kinds of communications going forward.

Very respectfully,

Mayor Robert M. Green

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