

★ **Roll Call Number**

Agenda Item Number

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Date September 13, 2010

Communication from Justin Gross, advising of his resignation from the Neighborhood Revitalization Board, Seat 12, effective immediately.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ to receive, file and accept resignation with appreciation for his service.

Replacement to be appointed by: Council Member Moore.

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
GRIESS				
HENSLEY				
MAHAFFEY				
MEYER				
MOORE				
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MOTION CARRIED

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Mayor

**CERTIFICATE**

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

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City Clerk

This letter serves as my notice to the Neighborhood Revitalization Board that I will be resigning from the board effective immediately. I have served on this board for four and half years and have enjoyed learning about the intricacies of the City of Des Moines and building relationships with board members, agencies in the community and city employees.

I would be remiss in not mentioning my disappointment in the board's weak stance in allowing monies to non profits who combat our homeless population to expire. Without the assistance of these agencies the homeless concern in Des Moines will turn from a controlled problem to an epidemic of grand proportions. The city councils desire to take HUD funding away from these non profit agencies to shore up the city budget is a display of short sidedness instead of planning for the future as it pertains to budget projections and the homeless problem. While we wait for the Homeless Action Plan to come to fruition, which undoubtedly has been hamstrung in the last year and may take another year to go into effect, the homeless population will continue to increase while less services will be available for them to access.

One last thing for the board to ponder while I conclude this letter. As I have mentioned, I have enjoyed my position on the board and the discussions we have had, but there were times that I left board meetings really questioning the effectiveness of the board. Is the intent of the board really being carried out? Do our recommendations have any weight? And finally, is there a reason why in the time that I have been on the board, seven to nine board members have resigned. I challenge the board to think about its mission, purpose, and goals as a citizen board and to think about retention of board members as it looks to increase the number of those that serve on the board.

Best of luck to all board members and I do hope that the board maintains its integrity and good intentions of making our community a better place to live.

Sincerely,

Justin Gross