

★ **Roll Call Number**

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**Date** ..... December 5, 2011

Communication from Kent Sovern, advising of his resignation from the Plan and Zoning Commission, Seat 7, effective December 30, 2011.

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

Appointment to be made by Council Member Coleman.

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

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

The Honorable T. M. Franklin Cownie  
Mayor, City of Des Moines  
400 Robert D. Ray Drive  
Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear Mayor Cownie:

The purpose of this letter is to tender my resignation as a Des Moines Plan & Zoning Commissioner effective December 30, 2011.

I had the privilege to serve the residents of Des Moines as a Commissioner for many years and I found the experience to be rewarding, educational and enlightening. I believe the P&Z Commission became a more thoughtful and effective advisor to the mayor and city council as I served under your leadership and the subsequent leadership of Councilperson Robert Mahaffey and the current Chairperson, Daniel Flaherty.

I wish to thank former councilperson Tom Vlassis and Councilperson Chris Coleman for demonstrating their trust, confidence and support by appointing me (and re-appointing me) to the commission over the years.

I also wish to acknowledge the knowledgeable professionalism and outstanding work ethic of the community development staff as I enjoyed working with them over the years. They always go the 'extra mile' and are very responsive and patient with commission inquiries.

I congratulate the city leadership, staff and the private sector investors for all the great developments in the city of Des Moines over the past 15 years. Who could have imagined that so many of civic and private development projects envisioned at the turn of the century would be realized by this time. I am very proud of the work of the P&Z commission in assisting in these efforts.

Thanks to you and the council for the opportunity to serve.

Kindest Regards,



Kent Sovern

cc Members of the Des Moines City Council  
Daniel Flaherty, Chair Plan & Zoning Commission  
Richard Clark, City Manager