



June 27, 2022

Hope Ithurburn  
City Clerk  
City of Rocklin  
3970 Rocklin Road  
Rocklin, CA 95677

Dear Mrs. Ithurburn:

I am writing to tender my resignation, effective June 30, 2022, as a member of the Rocklin City Council. By resigning now, the City of Rocklin will be required to fill this vacancy during this November's election to complete the balance of my term expiring in 2024. This limits potential controversy over an appointment process to find someone to serve the remainder of my term or by calling an expensive special municipal election.

As you know, I am seeking election to the State Assembly this November. While I am not sure if I will be elected to the State Assembly, if I wait until results of November's general election are certified (or even just a few more days from today), state law would require the City Council to appoint my replacement for the balance of my term or call an expensive special election. In my opinion, democracy is always better when citizens choose their elected representatives and spending \$300,000 on a special election is not the best use of taxpayer resources. In this case, I have the ability to save taxpayers money and give the power to the people to choose my successor - even if it means taking the risk that I am not elected to the State Assembly.

Rocklin is such a beautiful and historic city that has been led by dynamic leaders for generations while laying the groundwork for our thriving community. Serving on the City Council with this backdrop has been one of the greatest honors of my life. This is a deeply difficult decision that I have struggled with over the past few weeks, but one that I believe is in the best interests of our city and its residents.

I am thankful to the people of Rocklin for electing me twice and eternally grateful to my wife and children for the sacrifices they made in order for me to serve.

I've enjoyed serving with my colleagues to increase transparency, improve our park amenities, double the amount of open space, and increase funding for public safety. I will greatly miss working with them along with the dedicated staff that keep our city going. I have full confidence that my colleagues will continue to selflessly serve our city's residents and preserve our city as one of the premier places to live, work, and raise a family.

With gratitude,

Joe Patterson  
Rocklin City Councilman

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