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To the Manatee County Supervisor of Elections,

With the support of my family and friends, I have made the decision to not seek re election as a City Commissioner in Holmes Beach in the election on November 8th, 2022. This has been a difficult decision based on many factors most importantly being my work/life balance. I have a demanding job in the bio pharmaceutical research and manufacturing industry and have recently taken on even more people management and multimillion dollar budget responsibility which requires extensive travel, limiting the time I have to dedicate to the City.

During my time as a City Commissioner, I have represented residents, property owners, and the small business owners which has been extremely rewarding. I have made a difference when it comes to protecting the island character and community while creating a heightened awareness of our fragile coastal environment.

There are many things I am most proud of and to list a few... I voted for strengthening the noise ordinance and to reduce wasteful city spending. I voted to close loopholes in the vacation rental ordinance and increase fines to violators who affect the peaceful enjoyment and quality of life of property owners. I continue to support a ban on single use plastics and a reduction in our city millage rate. I voted against rezoning the Regions Bank property in front of Publix. Residents, visitors and businesses made it loud and clear they did not want another liquor store and pharmacy in HB. I voted against charging residents for an annual parking permit. We should not have to pay to park on our own streets. I also brought to the attention of the Mayor and City Attorney that the State of Florida has established guidelines on Beach Capacity also called Carrying Capacity which gives guidance on how many people can safely use outdoor recreation areas at one time, including the beach coastline and water. As a matter of fact, this came about because of the open dialogue I have had with the County Commissioners. This needs to be explored as another tool in our tool belt to justify reducing street parking.

I came to meetings prepared and participated in meaningful dialogue before voting. I was not a "rubber stamper" or a "seat warmer" for the city administration.

I would like to direct my next comments to the citizens and property owners of Holmes Beach. Holmes Beach is facing significant challenges like never before. Manatee County and the State of Florida will continue to put pressure on the city and the island in the form of increased tourism while providing little funding. Unless the attitude at city hall changes, the property owners will continue to foot the bill to replace the aging infrastructure and increasing police presence needed

to manage the 20,000-30,000 cars a day coming over the bridge. There is much at risk here. HB needs more citizens to get involved. Our city needs your voice to be heard as we look toward managing the population and building growth, in our city. There is a passionate, small group of active residents that are involved, but that is not enough. Join us. Come to meetings and help our government.

In closing, I look forward to finishing my duties in November and I wish the new City Commission Board well. I look forward to staying involved as Holmes Beach is my family's home and where our hearts are. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and serve this great coastal community.

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Holmes Beach City Commissioner

\* This letter was read and placed into public record at the Holmes Beach City Commission meeting on October 11, 2022.

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