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Dear City of Ann Arbor team,

I am writing to let you know that I am moving back to Massachusetts to live closer to my family so I need to resign from the Downtown Design Review Board, effective immediately. It has been a great experience and I don't think I missed one meeting in my tenure. You have a fantastic, collaborative and dedicated group on this Board.

I do have two parting thoughts for the future of the DRB. As the planning representative, I would suggest that the City might consider including the geographical direction of design review focus to include areas that are showing more and more new projects, such as on Packard and Washtenaw for the proposed new construction.

I also have expressed hopes to our team that we incorporate more climate change related design issues in the Board's design criteria since this issue was not so much on the radar in 2011 or so when the guidelines were created. The DRB was in agreement that this was a good idea, as was Missy Stults, however, this would be a huge undertaking, albeit hopefully a worthy one if planning staff or intern time could be devoted to this project.

Thank you for allowing me to serve in this capacity, and best wishes,

Corry Buckwalter