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Chair Debbie Roman  
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Chair Roman, Mayor Kosar and Council Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the City of Canfield as part of the Design Review/Historical Preservation Committee. From the days of Mayor Spike McGlaughlin and Chair Sally Crossen to the present, serving you and Chair Debbie Roman, I have always done my best to consider and balance the rights of the property owners to use their property as they wished with the equally compelling needs of the City to maintain its hometown feel and historical perspective.

I leave this position not by choice but due to the recently-amended charter provision limiting terms to such an appointment. I doubt many will notice my absence, but the community will certainly feel the loss when Chair Debbie Roman must also step down at the conclusion of her term next year. She has and always will be a staunch defender of her home, Canfield, Ohio. For some, they have been unknowing beneficiaries of all Debbie has done to keep Canfield Canfield. While her departure will not undo all the good she has done for her City, I earnestly hope that Debbie's successor carries the same sense of pride, purpose, integrity and desire to make Canfield a place people in the Mahoning Valley want to raise a family and call home. Debbie, thanks for the memories.

While progress and change are inevitable, they do not have to come at the price of community spirit and identity. A community like Canfield will always be growing in one respect or another; we all have the responsibility as citizens of our town to see that the growth is positive and consistent with our history and spirit of community. For generations, people have been proud to say, "I'm from Canfield." May we all do what we can to foster and maintain that same sense of community pride so that the same sentiment will be echoed by generations to come.

Thank you,

  
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