

Board of Directors

June 12, 2023

San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce

Dear San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors,

After the Board of Directors meeting on June 8, 2023, I have had time to think, pray, and consider the outcome of the meeting. I am very disappointed to witness the lack of respect and integrity held by some of the Board of directors towards the position of the Board President. In my nine and half years of volunteering and serving the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce the position of the President has always been valued and respected as the Chief elected officer. The priority of the Chair is the Fiduciary responsibility of all the members of the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce.

During the June 8, 2023, board of directors meeting, the position and decisions of the President were undermined and disregarded by some of the Board of Directors. The motion to remove my motion to have a financial audit by June 30, 2023, as required by the by-laws, is unacceptable on my term as Chair. These items were not on the agenda, making it invalid.

I am disappointed I am not able to continue with the objectives I accepted as new board president to help the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce to improve and remedy its current financial crisis. I truly wanted to help the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce to be financially sound and solvent.

I now know that my approach to help the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce and remedy its severe financial situation is not appealing to some of the Boards of Directors because it requires making difficult decisions and doing the right thing.

For example, moving the Executive Director, to a part time status helps to lessen the financial strain of the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce. Keeping The Executive Director on full time for another 30 days, redeciding to keep the Executive Directors position on a monthly basis only continues the financial bleeding of the Chamber of Commerce. Not completing the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce financial audit by June 30th is financially irresponsible and not within the bylaws. In addition, The SGCC needs a nominating committee to enforce the terms of the Board of Directors.

I am deeply disappointed to see its integrity and morale diminish as it has. This is not the Chamber of Commerce I signed up to be a part of.

Therefore, I **submit my official notification of my resignation as the President of the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce effective today 6-12-23 6pm pacific standard time.** My resignation is not negotiable, I don't need a vote of acceptance from the Board of Directors. I will not be participating in the Beer and Wine Garden event with the City's Surfs Up on June 22, 2023. I trust you will find a replacement.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to those on the board of directors who were supportive of me. It has been a growing experience to be a part of the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce for the past nine and half years.

Thank you for your understanding and support during these challenging times. This letter serves as my formal notice of resignation, please process the necessary paperwork accordingly.

Respectfully,

Joanna M Jimenez