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Dear Casey Carl,

Through this letter, I hereby announce my resignation as the Minneapolis City Council Member for Ward 6 effective today, March 30, 2020. I am excited for the opportunity and challenge that lies ahead in my new role as the Executive Director of the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority. I look forward to working with and for our public housing residents.

To my current City Council colleagues, Mayor Jacob Frey, and to those that support us in our offices, I depart this passionate group of people reflecting on what we have accomplished together. Unfortunately, local and worldwide crises have left a mark on our city as well as on this council term. In facing a lack of affordable housing, to sheltering the homeless, to dealing with a pandemic, this group's resolve to work on behalf of those in need does not falter. I've been honored to serve alongside you all.

To the City of Minneapolis staff, thank you for your expertise and guidance. Without you, those in elected city offices may never see their goals accomplished. We are truly lucky to have so many talented staff that are willing to break the mold to find creative solutions to many of our city's issues. I have learned so much from you in the past six years.

I would be foolish if I did not give a specific thanks to my wonderful staff, Yusra Arab and Ryan SanCartier. I can lean on you both for advice, for quality work and frequently for a laugh. I'm grateful that both will be in the office to support Ward 6 residents in whatever they may need in my absence. Those of you that have worked with them before know they are fierce advocates for the ward and can be relied on in any situation.

Finally, to the constituents of Ward 6, I am humbled by your support and your confidence in me as your City Council representative. While in office, I have built many relationships that will last well beyond my departure as your council member. Ward 6 is my home and I have had no greater privilege than to be able to fight on behalf of my friends and neighbors for solutions to the issues we care about. It was a great honor to serve the people of Ward 6 and I will miss my constituents.

Sincerely,

Abdi Warsame