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December 20th, 2022

Ketchum Letter of Resignation

To the John Day City Council, its citizens, and our partners,

It is with a heavy heart that I am submitting my resignation as the City's Community Development Director, effective end of business December 28th. I am grateful to have had the privilege and opportunity to serve as the interim city manager to my contract completion date of December 14th, 2022.

It was not an easy decision to leave. I feel the passion and care that people have for this community: I have done my best to empower the do-gooders and concerned citizens among us to shape John Day's future. The results of the last election have demonstrated that the community wants change course compared to where it was when I joined. With that change in direction, I believe it is best I step aside and provide incoming leadership with an opportunity to staff City Hall with people who are more aligned with the community's expressed desires

In my almost year here, I have transformed several million dollars of outside investment into critical pieces of infrastructure, supported and directed our City's innovative approach to housing development, and collaborated with Grant County to launch John Day's entrepreneur and small business development program. Most importantly I have had the opportunity to hire, serve, and share the work with some truly remarkable staff.

My intention is to continue my career in public service, applying what I have learned from John Day's approach to community development. I am very thankful for my experience; the friendships and memories I have made here will last a lifetime.

Sincerely,

Corum Ketchum, Community Development Director