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Honorable Holyoke City Council  
536 Dwight Street  
Holyoke, MA 01040

Re: Not running for Re-election for Ward 4 seat

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

I wanted to let you know of my decision not to run for re-election for the Ward 4 City Councilor seat this November. It has been an honor to have served our community over the last year and a half as an elected member of the City Council. It is fair to say that due to unprecedented times caused by a national pandemic shortly after my appointment, caused a non-traditional onboarding to such an important body of government. I continue to be amazed as to how fast we had to adjust to ensure that we were there for our community and its residents, that we were visible and reachable despite all the odds, what a surreal life experience. I am especially pleased to have been given the opportunity to serve in the Ordinance and Public Service committees and gained a wealth of knowledge that truly allowed me to understand how all these moving parts work with the overall goal of advancing this great City. My decision of not running has been guided by personal reasons that merit my undivided attention moving forward. Thank you for your understanding of my decision and know that I will continue to be a committed resident of this diverse town and look forward to its progress and development.

With kind regards,

*Libby Hernandez*

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