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To the Atheist Community of San Jose (ACSJ) Board of Directors,

I hereby submit my resignation from the ACSJ Board of Directors, effective 01 Mar 2016.

As co-founder of the ACSJ, I worked from its inception in April 2013 to lay the foundations of this organization on which to build community for atheists and like-minded non-believers. Serving as Vice President and acting Secretary, I provided the ACSJ with key leadership, sound judgment, effective organization, and other important attributes both tangible and intangible. I helped guide the ACSJ through incorporation with the State of California and acquisition of IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit status, instantiating and serving on the organization's Board of Directors. I helped guide the ACSJ through wildly successful membership growth and program expansion. I am immensely proud of my service to the ACSJ, and of the organization's success.

I made the decision to resign the Board of Directors in May 2015. However, with the departure of Susan McLean in March 2015, leaving the board short a member, I felt that my departure may have the potential to cause disruption to the business of the organization. Compelled by duty and the desire for the continued success of the ACSJ, I committed to remain on the Board of Directors until such time that another member could be identified. With the addition of Donnie Winstead in July 2015, I was comfortable that my departure would not result in any disruption to the business of the organization.

Upon revealing my intentions, Brian Broome asked me to remain on the board through Jan 2016 in order to assist in the transition of Lyn Chiu to President, which I agreed to do. Now that Lyn has confidently assumed the office of President and well demonstrated her leadership, I am content and determined to resign the Board of Directors.

My resignation is motivated by the desire to explore new opportunities to serve the atheist, skeptic, and secular community. In May 2015, I became a volunteer agent with the Recovering From Religion Hotline Project. I have enjoyed greatly this focus of my service to the community. Additionally, there are other opportunities to serve, and to participate in political activism supporting the secular agenda, that are hindered by my continued service on the ACSJ Board of Directors.

My departure is also motivated by the knowledge that periodic change in the leadership is necessary and healthy for all organizations. In order to sustain the growth and success of the ACSJ, and to serve best the community of atheists and like-minded nonbelievers, periodic change in the ACSJ Board of Directors is necessary. Innovative thinking, fresh perspectives, and new approaches safeguard against organizational stagnation and ideological entrenchments. After having served almost 3 years in the leadership of the ACSJ, it is time to provide others with the opportunity to serve.

Though I am leaving the Board of Directors, I remain co-founder and an active member of the ACSJ. I will continue to volunteer within the organization, to provide financial support, and to provide consultation to the ACSJ leadership and staff. My experience on the ACSJ Board of Directors has been immensely gratifying, and it has been a true honor to serve the community of atheists and like-minded nonbelievers in this capacity.

Respectfully,

Scot Haire