# CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
# CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

**ITEM:** Chandlor Collins - Resignation from Human Rights Commission - Receive and File

**DATE:** October 17, 2022

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** None

**BACKGROUND:** Chandlor Collins has submitted a letter of resignation from the Human Rights Commission, effective immediately. The Mayor and City Council appreciate the time he has devoted to the commission.

**OUTSTANDING ISSUES** (if any): None

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive and File Letter of Resignation.

**Lead Staff Member:** Ryan T. Jacobson, City Clerk RTJ

**STAFF REVIEWS**

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| Department Director | Ryan T. Jacobson, City Clerk |
| Appropriations/Finance | |
| Legal | |
| Agenda Acceptance | RTJ |

**PUBLICATION(S)** (if applicable)

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| Dates(s) Published | |

**SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW** (if applicable)

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| Committee | | | |
| Date Reviewed | | | |
| Recommendation | Yes | No | |

-----Original Message-----
From: Chandlor Collins <ccollins1845@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 10:34 PM
To: Kennis, Audrey <audrey.kennis@wdm.iowa.gov>; Trimble, Russ <Russ.Trimble@wdm.iowa.gov>; Shaimaa Aly <Shaimaa.f.aly@gmail.com>; Milton Cole Duvall <miltoncoleduvall@gmail.com>; Guck, Hannah <hannah.guck@wdm.iowa.gov>; Hardman, Renee <renee.hardman@wdm.iowa.gov>; Tiffany Berkenes <tiffanyberkenes@gmail.com>; rudy.g.trejo@gmail.com; Lonnette Dafney <ldafney@msn.com>
Subject: [EXT] Resignation

Commissioners,

When I joined this commission at a time that I was frustrated with this world, this country and my place in it. I was working a different job and had different family responsibilities. Since that time, a lot has changed but some has stayed the same (work and my family have changed in case you were curious). Through it all I'm in awe of you all and what you each accomplish but I have struggled finding such a balance.

Being a dad and husband are the most important things I get to do. You may have read the posts I made about our journey to have Zai but the blessing to have my son is not lost on me. I cherish the blessing and frankly struggle with anything that takes time away, knowing that it is time I'm missing. After family and new work duties, I have quickly learned that my time is limited more than I hope and need.

You all and WDM deserve a commissioner who can attend events and proactively engage in the needs of our community. Unfortunately I can not do that, a reality they has become more apparent this summer and early fall.

I have been weighing this decision for several months and have come to a necessary decision. Although it is not ideal, I know it is right and I think it's in the best interest is the commission. Effective immediately I will be resigning my chair and possession with the commission. I thank you all for allowing me to be your chair and work with this group. I truly wish you all nothing but the best moving forward.

Chandlor