

Dear Citizens of Cedar City,

After careful consideration, I have decided to finish out the last year of my term on the Cedar City Council. During my primary campaign in June, I intended to relinquish my seat if elected to the County Commission. But in the following months, I have been approached by an overwhelming number of constituents asking me to stay on.

I am, and will always be, a strong fiscal conservative. Although I sometimes feel I am a "lone voice," these constituents have told me that they feel it is necessary to have such a voice and balance on the council. These requests have multiplied as those constituents saw the council, make several troubling financial decisions over the last several months.

These decisions, in my opinion could potentially cost the taxpayers a half-million dollars. After listening to their concerns, I felt it was my duty to fulfill the promise I had made to the voters in this city to do everything I could to ensure their tax dollars are not wasted, so I reconsidered my position.

In preparation for taking my seat on the County Commission I am in the process of transitioning the ownership of my business to my son. This will enable me to serve my constituents on the County Commission full time as well as the City Council in a part time capacity as before.

For these reasons, I have decided to finish the job that you, the majority of voters in the city, hired me to do, rather than leave it to a small handful of people to choose an unelected replacement. I promise to continue to honor the trust you have placed in me to safeguard taxpayer funds and stand up for our local businesses. I am excited to see through to completion, several issues I began working on during my time on the council—issues I continue to be passionate about. I look forward to continuing to serve to the best of my ability.

To ensure no one thinks I have made this decision for personal gain, I will be donating my next-year's council-member salary, in advance tonight, to the following charities in equal shares of \$3,000 totaling \$12,000:

The Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center

The Family Support Center

The Iron County Children's Justice Center

The Iron County Care and Share.

Thank you.

Paul Cozzens