

October 14, 2015

Dear HMC Members:

After a great deal of thought and consideration I have decided to resign my position as a member of the HMC Board of Directors.

This resignation follows a petition filed by Deb Kraft, (wife of ferry captain Terry Kraft) to effect my recall from the board. No specific or substantiated reasons were provided in the petition, so I have nothing tangible to defend against. I'm confident that I have done nothing wrong and am proud of having a strong record as a steward of this amazing island over the course of many years.

Unfortunately, this action is exactly the kind of thing that keeps good people from running for a Board position. This saddens me, but I am honored to have been elected and served almost 10 years on the HMC Board of Directors.

My regular term on the Board is scheduled to end in a few short months. I believe I would emerge successful if I pursued this recall to its conclusion. But there has been so much dissension within the community of late, I am deeply concerned that doing so would further split the community and the sanctity of the island we all love. To date this action has already cost HMC in excess of \$1000 in legal fees. Allowing the recall to correctly and legally work its way through the process would cost the island several thousands more in attorney fees, staff labor, and mailing costs. These are expenses that none of us should have to absorb.

My resignation will be effective immediately and my replacement will be appointed by the remainder of the Board.

Thank you so much for your support over the years. I look forward to seeing you around the island.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet G. Podell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "P".

Janet G. Podell

Member - HMC Board of Directors