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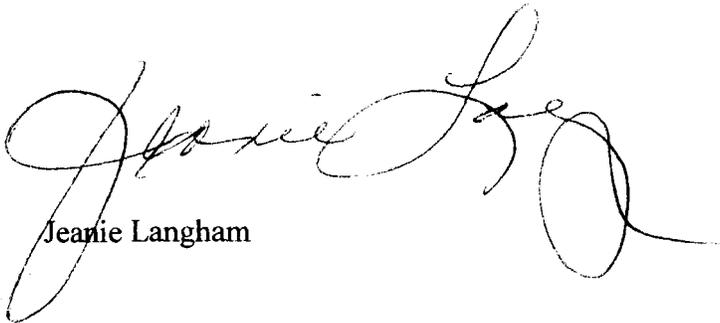
Town of Payson

Bernie Lieder, Chairman
Town of Payson Design Review Board
Kenny Evans, Mayor
Payson, AZ

It is with disappointment that I submit my resignation to this Design Review Board effective today. After the council meeting Thursday, September 4, 2008, I was stunned and disappointed that the Town Council seems to be in the process of dismantling the Design Review Board or at least their ability to review all new construction projects.

I feel this is a very unwise decision for our community and feel I can no longer sacrifice my time and energy to a watered down board that has no capacity to carry out the reviews of projects that is typical of a design review board.

It has taken several people five years to get a Design Review Board formally approved. Planning and Zoning as well as Town Council saw the need and unanimously voted for it. Most communities that are thriving economically have successful review boards as this process assures investors to a community that their investment will be protected. With one-on-one decisions, whether or not they are back room decisions, economic development will stall. Therefore I do not wish to be a part of it.



Jeanie Langham

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