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With sadness and humility, Joe Hyer must announce his resignation from the Olympia City Council, effective at 11:59 pm, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

"For fourteen years, I have worked through my role in the private sector to build a stronger and better community for us all. For the last five and a half years, I have worked arduously on those same goals as a Councilmember, having been honored to be appointed and then twice elected by the citizens of Olympia.

Public service, I have found, takes a tremendous toll on us, both physically and mentally. Intense pressure, public scrutiny, and the sheer hours involved build up and threaten to consume us. I have chosen to serve, however, and willingly accepted these things.

Eventually, we all make mistakes. While I have had many successes in life, I have also had my share of mistakes. Recently, I made a singular error in judgment that has been horribly detrimental to my family, friends, and this community. While I have been humbled by the support that has been offered me, I nonetheless must take ownership of my mistakes, and there are no words that can express how sorry I am.

I fully intend to continue to serve this community long into the future. It is a part of my core values, and my only source of redemption and atonement.

At this time, however, I must leave public life, and focus on my own health.

I look forward to a day very soon when I may have a frank, honest, and open conversation about the whole and full story of the events, positive and negative, that have populated my political experience, particularly in recent months."