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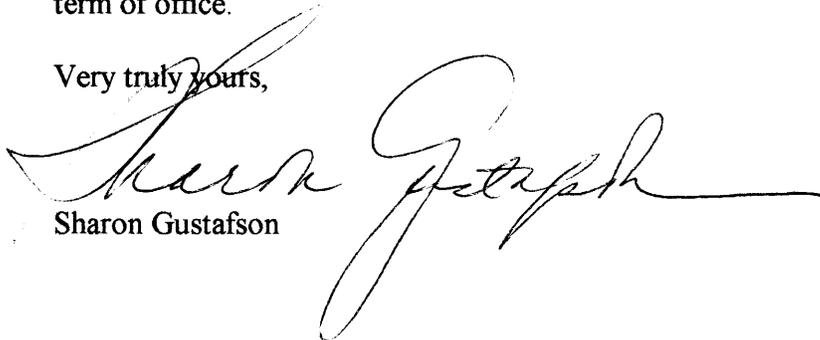
Dear Ben:

As you and I have discussed, the scheduled meetings of the Arts Commission have, from time to time, presented significant "calendar challenges" for me. While I have been able to successfully rearrange other commitments during the past two years, I find that I am confronted with a virtually impossible situation for much of the remainder of this calendar year.

Specifically, I find that I will be unable to attend both the July and the September meetings of the Commission due to previous commitments which I cannot change. These commitments will require that I be out of the country on the dates in question. Consequently I am asking that I be granted a three-month Leave of Absence from the Commission, beginning 7/1/04 and concluding 10/1/04.

I would appreciate your support in bringing my request to the attention of the City Council. Serving on the Arts Commission has been both interesting and challenging and I would most sincerely hope to be able to complete my appointed term of office.

Very truly yours,



Sharon Gustafson