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To: Board of Directors
 Palma de Mallorca/Santa Barbara Sister City Committee

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From: Robb Rice

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CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE
 SANTA BARBARA

Re: Letter of Resignation

Dear Fellow Board Members:

I have labored for over a year and a half trying to attract some interest and secure some participation with our committee from the City of Palma de Mallorca and the Balearic Island government, to no avail. In 2003, I presented the mayor of Palma an Old Spanish Days Fiesta Flag and in 2004, Mayor Marty Blum extended an invitation to Palma Mayor Catalina Cirer Adrover to visit Santa Barbara and participate in the Fiesta. We did not even get the courtesy of a response from Mayor Cirer Androver.

I met with the U.S. Consular Agent Tumi Bestard in Palma on two separate occasions and then last summer met with the head of the City of Palma's tourist department trying to get a cultural exchange program established between Palma and Santa Barbara. I even suggested that we could bring an I Madonnari festival to Palma. All these efforts have been met with absolutely no response.

I attempted to contract the City of San Francisco's and the City of Carmel's Palma de Mallorca Sister City committees in an attempt to broaden the appeal of a cultural exchange program and was dismayed to find out that neither of those committees exist or have anyone connected to them.

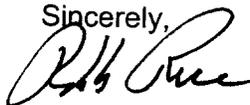
It is clear to me that the City of Palma, who gets the lion share of the 5 million tourists that visit the Balearic Islands annually, (mostly from European countries and predominately English and German) has no real interest in a cultural exchange program with Santa Barbara, which I find very frustrating since Mallorca has a historic connection to California with Father Junipero Serra.

In addition, my professional responsibilities have increased and I am spending part of my time in DAVIES' new Sacramento office and traveling more than I am have in the past. This makes it impossible for me to devote any time to the sister city committee. My wife, Rosa, who is now a graduate student at UCSB, has increased my family responsibilities as well.

Effective today, Rosa and I both submit our resignations as directors of the Palma de Mallorca Sister City Committee.

I have several files of past sister city committee information that I can store until directed to deliver to a representative of the committee. The committee has \$178.61 in the treasury which is being held by the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (contact Dr. Jerry Jackman at the Trust). If you have any questions please call me.

Sincerely,



cc: Dr. Jerry Jackman, Linda Gunther, George Potter