

Julie Bohannon  
Cultural Administrator  
Town of Monterey  
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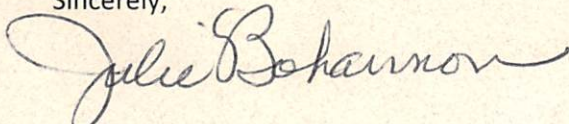
To:  
Bill Wiggins  
Mayor  
Town of Monterey

Dear Mayor Wiggins,

Through this letter, I hereby announce my retirement from the position of Cultural Administrator for the Town of Monterey, effective March 1, 2020.

You have my full commitment and cooperation for a smooth transition of responsibilities. Please let me know how I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Bohannon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Julie Bohannon

January 6, 2020

2014 was the year that Monterey targeted quality of life as an essential component and driver of economic development. A signal moment occurred that same year when Julie Bohannon came on board as Cultural Administrator to preside over that particular emphasis with all its possibilities and challenges. She joined a team of extraordinary department heads and support staff of other disciplines who give their all, day-in and day-out, on behalf of and for the best interests of Monterey. Julie arrived at the table packing an impressive and promising resume. She has not disappointed and that is an understatement. She demonstrated at the very outset an exhausting work ethic, a principled constitution and value system, a fertile imagination complemented by a mother lode of ideas and a steely resolve. She has drawn fire and routinely lambasted by the usual suspects who seem never to run dry of venom and grievances. An overwhelming number of citizens, however, understand, laud and value her efforts. She and Don were subjected to the shock, the horror and unfathomable heartache of losing a child with the tragic death of Ben just a year ago this month. Through it all, she has persevered and triumphed and able to leave her post on her own terms at the top of her game. Her legacy of contribution and accomplishment is real, significant and lasting. Whittaker Park, Meadow Creek Park, the Cliffs, Monument Park, Bee Rock, Farmer's Market, Depot Museum, Black Bottom Softball Field, Walking-Biking Trail, Burks School Connector, Wilder Project, Tourism Development Initiatives, Business Recognition and Celebration, and Monterey Promotionals all showcase her expertise, taste and distinctive touch. She has indeed raised the bar for her successor. Monterey is exponentially better because she came our way.

With retirement looming, Julie is now free to plunge into some deserved leisure time and reposition as the full time matriarch of one of Monterey's great families which she and Don have wrought. She may be off the payroll come March 1st but her affection and commitment for Monterey and the momentum she has built has compelled her to announce her availability as a volunteer as suitable opportunities arise. Monterey will definitely take advantage of this generous offer from this remarkable lady. Julie Bohannon. Public Servant extraordinaire. Godspeed and only the best for her and the ones she holds dear.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Wiggins". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Bill Wiggins