5 November 2026

Dr Jane Lomax-Smith AM
Lord Mayor, City of Adelaide
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Dear Lord Mayor,

Thank you for your letter of 23 October 2026 and for the opportunity to provide comments for Council's consideration.

In my letter of resignation dated 11 October, I explained that the advice I understood had been provided by the LGA and the State Government was that current appointments should remain in place until the LGASA elections. Taking that advice into account, I indicated I would be prepared to pass the baton to another councillor.

When I was appointed Deputy Lord Mayor, Council resolved that my term would run from 1 January 2026 until the conclusion of the Council term in November 2026. I understood that Council's October consideration would give effect to that resolution. I do, however, feel that ending my appointment earlier than that is unfair and inequitable, particularly given the way other internal appointments with similar wording appear to be treated.

Deputy Lord Mayor appointments during this Council term have generally been for around 12 months, often from November to November. As I commenced on 1 January 2026, I considered 31 December 2026 to be a reasonable and consistent end date. I proposed that date in my letter of resignation. As a compromise, I would be willing for my final day as Deputy Lord Mayor to be 30 November 2026. This would allow me to fulfil Council commitments already scheduled between mid-November and the end of the month, while providing for an orderly handover. I ask that Council consider setting any successor's appointment to commence from 1 December 2026.

I respectfully ask Council to consider the original appointment resolution, the advice I relied on, and the need for a consistent and equitable approach to internal appointments when considering this matter.

Kind regards
Carmel



Carmel Noon
Deputy Lord Mayor – City of Adelaide