



Dear Members of the City Council,

With a new year comes new change. Still, it is with a mixture of sadness and immense gratitude that I must share that Calvin Goings has accepted another job opportunity to be closer to family on the Olympic Peninsula and will be leaving his role as FAS Director in the coming weeks.

I first met Calvin nearly a decade ago while I was serving as Council President, and he was working as President Obama's Small Business Administration's Regional Director. I appreciated Calvin's commitment to WMBE support and excellent customer service. Fast forward to the start of our mayoral administration, Calvin was one of the first directors I worked closely with. Calvin and his team at FAS went above and beyond to ensure a smooth transition space and support for my then growing team so we could get straight to work for Seattle residents.

Calvin has always led FAS with energy, vision, organization and heart. Under his leadership, FAS instituted goals for excellence in customer service, equity and inclusion, financial accountability, and stewardship of City assets. Calvin linked those goals to accountability through implementation of a robust performance management program.

I think as you all know, Calvin never shies away from a challenge. During the pandemic, he stepped up to plan, activate and serve as CEO of the City-run mass vaccination site at Lumen Field—the largest civil-led vaccination site in the country at the time—resulting in over 102,000 lifesaving vaccines for our community. Many of you toured the site and you could always see Calvin on the floor, welcoming residents, interacting with healthcare providers and representing our City in the very best way at one of our hardest times. He also led the City's Return to Worksite Operational Task Force, bringing together cross-functional workgroups from all departments and establishing safety protocols so that employees could safely return to onsite City operations.

Calvin and his team have demonstrated their unwavering commitment to our vision for **One Seattle** by keeping our fleets and facilities safe, our doors open through winter storms, and by providing excellent customer service to City departments and the community; and [so much more](#).

We cannot thank Calvin enough for his leadership, dedication and passion for serving the City over the past six years. Calvin, we will miss you and know you'll continue to do great things in your new role.

Thank you to FAS Deputy Department Director Kiersten Grove for stepping in as interim Department Director starting later this month. Most of you know Kiersten well and I know she will be an excellent interim director.

Thank you,
Mayor Bruce Harrell

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