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To: Silicon Valley Pipe Band

Dear Bandmates,

The rumors are true. I am leaving the Band ... I've been a member since 2015 when Melody and Christina recruited me for the drum corps. With the addition of Carl and Declan, Jeff finally got his drum corps going, and the Gr 4 Band went on to greatness. In 2017, Jeff stepped down and I was appointed D/S; we took the Band from the lower ranks of WUSPBA standings, up to the top of the rankings in 2018, and the rest is history. With your current leadership and talent, SVPB will go on to greater renown and success. I wish you all the best in the coming years.

I am sorry to have to leave the Band, but financial reasons necessitated the move to Arizona. The Bay Area just got too expensive for me. The cost of living is much less in the Phoenix area, so I am able to live on 1/2 of what it would cost me in the Bay Area.

I won't be band-less, as I have been recruited by the Gr 3 Phoenix Pipe Band, and thus I will have a new band to play in. I am excited to be learning their new settings and playing in this new drum corps.

Thank you all for your friendship, and the years of support. We are all a big Band family, so this is not farewell, but only 'Bye for Now!

I hope to see you all at the upcoming Games and competitions in 2020...

Sincerely,  
Gloria Cardenas