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Dear Chair and Esteemed Supervisors;

It has been a pleasure serving Nevada County and our extraordinary community with you for the last twenty plus years. I'm especially proud of my time as the elected District Attorney, it is a solemn position that I respect greatly. However; for a multitude of reasons, I find it is time for me to relinquish my position and retire from public service. I want to give you and CEO Lehman adequate time to find a replacement to lead the Office forward. To that end, it is my intent to retire effective on July 10, 2021.

The extraordinary members of the Office and I have achieved all I set out to do back in 2006; safe building for operations, modernized case management system, modernized business practices, paper-less files and a collaborative position within the County and Criminal Justice systems. And, at this juncture, most importantly a solid succession plan. All of this was accomplished in no small part with your and the CEOs assistance. I am grateful for the support over the years.

In a spirit of transparency and fairness I would expect you and the CEO would like to open the position up for applicants to apply for the remainder of the term. I will do everything I can to facilitate a smooth transition in the leadership of our Office.

Sincerely,



Cliff Newell

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