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To the Citizens of Yamhill County:

It is with mixed emotions that I announce I will be leaving office effective May 27, 2014. It has been an extreme honor to serve you for more than 11 years.

I have been privileged to work with Yamhill County's many talented employees, volunteers, and Elected Officials. The pride they take in their work is contagious. We are so fortunate to have the highest caliber of dedicated public servants in our county.

I have also enjoyed working with the Elected Officials and staff from our 10 cities, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, the State of Oregon and her 36 counties. I have learned so much working with them all.

But over the years, I have learned the most from you, the citizens I serve. Through good times and bad, you have taught me patience and how to look at all sides of every issue; you have embraced my family and me; you have watched my daughter grow up; you have provided guidance, love and support during my time in office. I am blessed to have had this amazing opportunity.

During my tenure as commissioner, I have served in positions of leadership at the Association of Oregon Counties. It is there I will be embarking on the next chapter of my life, continuing to serve the citizens of all Oregon counties as the Community Development/Transportation Policy Manager.

The Executive Director and leadership of AOC have graciously allowed me to delay the start of my new position until after the May primary. It is my hope that Commissioners George and Springer will then be able to appoint as my replacement a winner from either of the races for commissioner in the May election. If there is no outright winner, I will work with the commissioners, if they desire my assistance, to find a suitable replacement for the interim.

I thank you for allowing me to take this incredible journey in public service. You will always hold a special place in my heart.

With deepest appreciation,