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Chair Hartung and Commissioners:

It is with very conflicting emotions that I inform you I have decided to retire as Washoe County Manager on June 14, 2019.

Leaving Washoe County is not a decision I come to lightly. This is a very difficult and very personal decision and comes only after much thought and many discussions with my family. I have spent my entire professional career at Washoe County where I have had the great honor of serving this wonderful community. The past 5 years as County Manager have been the most professionally demanding, yet personally gratifying of my tenure with the County. However, I have come to recognize that time spent with family is not indefinite and after more than 32 years with this great organization, Melinda and I look forward to devoting time to family and friends here in Nevada, in Kansas and in Texas.

I want to thank our elected officials: the leadership of our County Commissioners and elected County officials is central to the success of this organization. Thank you for your policy leadership and for allowing me to assist you in our mission of working with our County departments and our regional partners to provide a safe, secure and healthy community.

To the management team: thank you for joining me on this journey during the past 5 years. Over the next several months the Board of County Commissioners will have decisions to make regarding leadership. I take great pride in everything we have achieved and I am confident the management team is fully prepared, capable and ready to continue providing excellent leadership to the organization and to fulfill our mission at Washoe County. I will continue to do all that I can to assist the Board and the organization with this transition.

I must take this opportunity to recognize our great Washoe County employees: the level of commitment our employees exhibit to the citizens of Washoe County has always motivated me. The heart of this organization is in each and every employee who arrives at work every day ready to make a positive impact on the lives of the citizens of Washoe County. We should always remember that everything we accomplish, every service and program Washoe County delivers is through the dedication to quality public service of our Washoe County employees. I have been blessed to be a part of this great team.

Although it is difficult to leave so many great friends and colleagues, I am excited about the future -- for both me and for Washoe County. I end by simply saying thank you for the trust you have placed in me as your County Manager.

With most sincere regards,

John Slaughter
Washoe County Manager