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RE: Notice of Retirement

Dear DOH Team,

I would like to share an important personal and professional update with all of you. After careful consideration, I have decided to retire from my position as Chief Financial Officer effective June 30, 2026.

While this marks the conclusion of my full-time state employment, I am pleased to announce that I will return to the department on July 1, 2026, as a contract employee through June 30, 2027. This transition plan is one that I personally requested because I believe it is the best way to support the department during this important period of succession and leadership transition.

Over the next year, I will work closely with my successor and our team to ensure a smooth transfer of responsibilities, knowledge, and operational expertise. Having served this department for more than 23 years, I have had the privilege of being involved in many aspects of our high-volume financial operations and management. Remaining in a contract capacity will allow me to share that institutional knowledge, provide guidance and continued continuity, team development, and assist with the successful transition of CFO responsibilities.

I firmly believe this approach will strengthen our succession planning efforts and help ensure the continued success and stability of the department. Rather than retiring and departing immediately, I am grateful for the opportunity to continue contributing while supporting both our staff and future leadership during this transition.

My passion for this department and dedication to its mission have always been among my greatest professional priorities. I am committed to making this transition as positive, seamless, and successful as possible for everyone involved.

Thank you for your support, collaboration, and friendship throughout my career. I look forward to working alongside you during this next chapter and helping position the department for continued success in the years ahead. It has been a privilege to work alongside such a dedicated and talented group of professionals. Together, we have achieved significant milestones, navigated challenges, and contributed to the continued growth and success of our organization. I want to express my sincere appreciation to each of you for your commitment, professionalism, and support throughout my tenure. The relationships I have built and the experiences we have shared have been among the most rewarding aspects of my career.

Sincerely,

Chief Financial Officer