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City Commissioners, City Manager Konkol, and Staff,

It is with mixed emotions that I write to you today to resign from the Mayor position of the City Commission effective April 22, 2022. I am resigning so that my husband and I can move out of state to be near our families. Over the last year our families have experienced multiple medical incidents that have heightened our awareness, desire and need to be near them. I think the last couple of years has reminded many of us the value of family and the irreplaceable time that can and should be spent with them. It is my desire to put family first and I can only hope that you would do the same for your family.

The last three years serving on the City Commission have been an honor and privilege and filled with many great accomplishments that I am very proud of. I still believe that we have one of the strongest, non-partisan set of volunteers on the City Commission that this city has ever had. We have demonstrated the importance of having different viewpoints on issues while also respecting other's opinions. We have taken on tough issues and been bold in our decision-making. I am confident you will keep up the good work and represent Oregon City well in the months and years ahead.

One thing I have learned during my time as a City Commissioner and Mayor of Oregon City is the excellence and dedication of City staff. You do your jobs with passion and step up whenever you are needed. We have experienced many new challenges over the last three years and you continue to show up and give your best. I am grateful to have represented this City and the work that YOU do to keep our City functioning. It has been my job to be the face and representative for Oregon City. But my job is 100% dependent on City staff, and I want to acknowledge your hard work. Without you Oregon City would not function and be a community that we all love to live and work in and others love to visit. Thank you.

One of my primary goals when I sought the Mayor position following the recall election of 2020, was to restore leadership to the Commission and be the best example I could be for those who will come after me to serve our city. I am confident that new leaders will step up

and serve Oregon City as they have done for many years. I wish the Commission, City staff, and the City as a whole, much success in the years to come. You will forever hold a special place in my heart and have given me many memories to take with me in the next chapter of my life. I am grateful.

Warm Regards,



Rachel Lyles Smith
Oregon City Mayor