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To the Public of Williamson County, IL:

When I came to Williamson County over 12 years ago, I never imagined writing this letter. I only came down to take a G.I.S. mapping role while I figured out what I wanted to do with my adult life. As I grew within the office and began to take on more responsibilities, I then decided that this temporary stop to figure out what I was going to do would become my career. After being appointed to the Supervisor of Assessment's position, I began to flourish within the professional organizations that advocate for education within the field and lobby lawmakers to help refine the Property Tax Code in Illinois. I thought that I would eventually retire in this position.

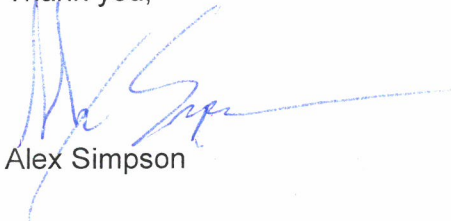
I have now been asked by the Williamson County Commissioners to resign my position or face removal in accordance with 35 ILCS 200/3-10. While I feel that the listed offences either predate my term in office or fall outside of my immediate control to instigate such a removal, I recognize that the same Board that would potentially remove me from office under the umbrella of such acts would be the same Board that I would have to appeal to. As such, I tender my resignation effective at 4 pm, Friday, September 13, 2024.

To the staff that I have worked with for the past 12 plus years, Thank You. To work in this office is not an easy task. I worked to help shield you from as much of the political pressures that working in a local government office can provide. I encourage you all to keep moving forward and keep serving the people of Williamson County with the knowledge and experience that you have gained throughout your service.

To the tax payers of Williamson County, keep striving for answers and better government. Through my service, I have held myself and my office to standards more stringent than what the Illinois Property Tax Code sets forth. This has been an unprecedented tax cycle, but looking at the markets, more of the same will follow in the near future. Familiarize yourself with the Property Tax Cycle, hold all officials within the taxation process accountable. Starting with forcing whoever succeeds me to better publicize and get the information out, to the Board of Review to uphold their duties under 35 ILCS 200/ Art. 5. Reach out to your State Representative and Senator and lobby for them to make changes to the Property Tax Code that will fit your liking. Attend your taxing district board meetings, the assessments are only one side of the property tax equation.

Please pay out my accumulated 157 sick days at 50% credit totaling 78.5 paid days. Please pay out my 25 unused vacation days per the collective bargaining agreement and Williamson County resolution providing office holders the same benefits as the bargaining unit that they manage.

Thank you,



Alex Simpson