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Dear Members of the Board:

This letter is to inform you of my intent to retire in August 2017. It has been a tremendous privilege to have worked for Stanislaus County over this past 30 years and I am extremely grateful to all of the wonderful Board members, Department leaders, employees, and community members that I have been blessed to know and work alongside. It has been an incredible journey and it has been a real honor to wrap up my career with the County serving as your Chief Executive Officer.

From my early days in the Assessor's Office, I recognized there was something special about this organization. I came in with that common perception that government was inefficient and ineffective, only to meet a group of dedicated and committed employees striving to do their very best in a very efficient office. I soon learned that Stanislaus County was recognized as a leader in the State and has a rich history of being led by strong, smart and professional Board members and visionary leaders committed to developing excellence in our organization. I would like to especially acknowledge the amazing staff of the Chief Executive Office. I have never worked with a more dedicated and hardworking team and I am very proud of them. I also wish to thank all of the dedicated leaders and employees of this organization who regularly display that commitment to our vision of being "a County that is respected for its service in the community and is known as the best in America." I will miss working with all of you!

At this time, I will hold off on setting the exact date of my August retirement, so as to assist with the timing on the replacement transition. Please know that I remain committed to this organization and will be available to assist you however I can in this transition. I see a bright future for Stanislaus County and want to once again thank you for all the opportunities that have been afforded me to serve this great County.

Very truly yours,

Stan Risen
Chief Executive Officer