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It has been an honor to represent the people of Winnebago County, WI as your District Attorney. After a little over 15 years of service, I have decided to step down and resign as of May 7, 2022. I am proud of the accomplishments that we have made both as an office and as a community to restore trust and integrity to the criminal justice system. Over the past 15 years, Winnebago County has become a leader in addressing mental health, addiction, and other criminogenic factors in order to reduce criminal behavior leading to a safer community. Winnebago County now serves as a model for the implementation of alternative to incarceration programs. We have done this while also reaching the highest felony conviction rate of any county in Wisconsin and eliminating any charging backlogs. These accomplishments have happened through tremendous efforts of not only prosecutors but also of our law enforcement partners as well as public and private organizations at both the local and national level.

At this time, I believe it is in my and my family's best interest for me to step back from the obligations that are unique to this position. I believe it is an ideal time to take this step as our office is functioning at a very high level, with an extremely competent team. I have recommended that Governor Evers appoint Deputy District Attorney Eric Sparr to take my place. Attorney Sparr was unanimously selected by his peers to fill the Deputy role and I am confident in his ability to lead this office.

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve, and appreciate the support of my office and our criminal justice partners. I also want to thank the people of Winnebago County for their trust and support over the years and look forward to helping to transition the office with an eye towards continuing to promote fairness, justice, and legal innovation.

Thank you,

Christian Gossett