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Rolando B. Pablos
Secretary of State

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The Honorable Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas
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Re: Resignation of Texas Secretary of State Rolando Pablos

Dear Governor Abbott:

Two years ago, you entrusted me with the awesome responsibility of serving as the 111th Texas Secretary of State. Succeeding a long list of dedicated public servants, starting with Stephen F. Austin, has been a true honor and distinct privilege.

I am proud to say that over the past two years, my office has worked tirelessly to help improve the lives of all Texans through strengthening our international relationships, attracting investment, facilitating business growth and trade, protecting the solemn integrity of our elections system, and engaging more Texans in the electoral process. I can say with great confidence that Texas is even stronger today in these areas than it was two years ago. And this is all because of the devotion and hard work of the great men and women in our agency.

With the midterm elections successfully behind us, and the 86th legislative session around the corner, I believe this would be a good time to begin the process of transitioning out of my position and passing the baton to the next secretary of state. Serving Texans as Secretary of State has been an opportunity of a lifetime, but I feel the need at this time to turn my attention to my private practice.

So, it is with great affection and gratitude that I respectfully submit to you my resignation of the office of Texas Secretary of State, effective December 15, 2018.

I am thankful that our common passion for improving the lives of all Texans through economic development and community engagement has served the great State of Texas well during your first term as Governor, and I am confident that those qualities will continue to guide you through a successful second term as well.

Thank you for providing me with the distinct opportunity to serve the people of our great state. May God forever bless you, your family and the Lone Star State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "RBP", written in a cursive style.

Rolando B. Pablos