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RE: Announcing My Retirement

Dear Mayor Rhodes-Conway and Clerk Witzel-Behl:

I will retire as City Attorney this June. My last day in the office will be June 1, 2020. I am announcing my retirement now to give the City ample time to find my successor.

It has been a great honor and pleasure to serve as Madison's City Attorney since 2004. When I retire, I will be the second-longest serving City Attorney in the history of Madison.

Nonetheless, all good things must come to an end. My family and friends who have retired tell me, "When it is time to retire, you will know it." I know it. I will be moving on to a new phase in my life. I plan to practice law on a part-time basis, but I want to spend more time with my wife and family, especially my granddaughter, and to travel. My gardens need attention.

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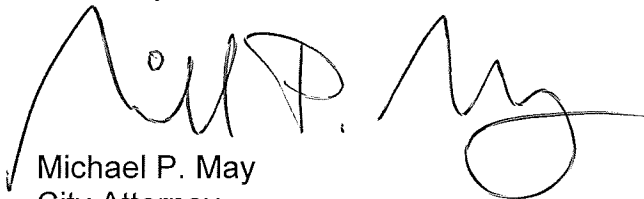
I want to thank all of the wonderful people I have worked with these last sixteen years: the elected officials, the Department and Division Heads, all the City employees, and the members of the public with whom I have interacted. In particular, I want to thank two groups: First, Mayor Dave Cieslewicz, Mayor Paul Soglin, and Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway, for having the confidence to appoint me as City Attorney. Second, I want to thank all of the attorneys and support staff in the Office of the City Attorney, whose excellent work allowed our office to provide Madison with professional legal services for sixteen years.

For a kid born at St. Mary's Hospital in 1954, who never lived more than 25 miles from that spot, who attended high school, undergraduate school, and law school in Madison, I can think of no higher calling than to serve as the chief legal officer of the City I love, the City that nurtured me. I could not have asked for a more enjoyable and fulfilling career. I wish the best for Madison and all its residents. I look forward to finishing my work as City Attorney over the next five months.

Finally, I need to thank the most important person in my life, the person who made my years as City Attorney possible: my wife, Briony Jean Foy. I doubt I would have made it sixteen years without her unflagging love and support.

"Etiam legem amo."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael P. May". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "M" and "P".

Michael P. May
City Attorney

CC: All Alders
Department and Division Heads
City Attorney's Office
Mayor's Office