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Thomas A. Ferrara
Sheriff/Coroner

Supervisor Mitch Mashburn
675 Texas Street, Suite 6500
Fairfield, CA 94533-6342

Dear Supervisor Mashburn,

After serving as a California peace officer since August 8th, 1983, forty-two years, I intend to retire September 25, 2025.

The Sheriff's Office is operationally sound, and my retirement will have only a marginal and temporary influence on departmental operations and capabilities. Retirement is a significant milestone, and I have given it considerable thought. I have decided to retire simply because it is the right time for me to do so. Having completed forty years of service here at the Sheriff's Office and achieving the position of Sheriff is far more than I ever envisioned when I began my career here as a deputy sheriff in 1984. Much has changed since I started, and I have enjoyed every moment of the experience.

My relationship with the Board of Supervisors has been exceptional, and I appreciate the support that you and previous supervisors have provided me. My experience as Sheriff has been very rewarding, and my success in this role is largely due to the support I have received from your Board, our County Administrators, our Department Heads, and the hundreds of dedicated employees of the Sheriff's Office. I am leaving behind an administration and a supporting staff that are highly qualified and fully capable of continuing the duties of the Sheriff's Office. I have complete confidence in the ability of the employees of the Sheriff's Office to continue under new leadership.

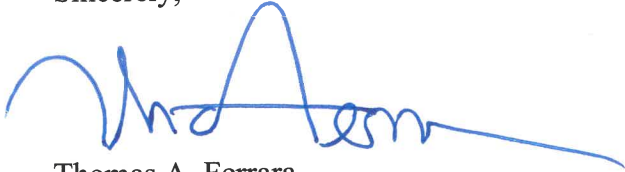
I will retire with a little more than three years remaining in my six-year term of office. You will be required to appoint a new Sheriff to replace me, and my recommendation is to select my Undersheriff, Bradley DeWall, as the next Sheriff of Solano County for the remainder of my term. Undersheriff DeWall has been my second-in-command for several years, and he is highly experienced and well qualified to lead the Sheriff's Office. He knows both the department and county government very well and has achieved the necessary level of experience to provide effective leadership for a diverse law enforcement agency.

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Appointing Undersheriff DeWall to the position of Sheriff would minimize disruption to the department and ensure operational consistency. He has developed strong working relationships with the Sheriff's Office staff, has experience working with organized labor, is well-versed in the complexities of the Sheriff's Office budget, and understands the needs and expectations of the community we serve. I know of no other individual more qualified to serve as Sheriff.

If at any time you would like to discuss my recommendation, I will gladly make myself available to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Thomas A. Ferrara', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thomas A. Ferrara
Sheriff/Coroner

Cc: Bill Emlen, County Administrator
Bernadette Curry, County Counsel