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Dear Mayor Newsom:

Thank you so very much for the opportunity to serve in your Administration. Under your leadership, the preparedness of San Francisco for natural disaster and acts of terrorism has substantially increased. As a Mayor of a major American city, you are a true leader in the area of emergency management and Homeland Security, always prioritizing its importance.

I am writing to you today to inform you that I will be leaving city government on December 31st. I appreciate your support and thank you for your kindness and consideration in desiring that I continue to serve the people of San Francisco. I have truly enjoyed the twelve years that I have spent in public service in our city.

As it is a new year, it is an excellent time for reflection and consideration of new directions. As such, I have decided to take the next three months to finish the Masters in Securities Studies (Homeland Security) Program at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey and to pursue and evaluate other opportunities which have presented themselves.

Together, we have accomplished a great deal and that record of accomplishment cannot be disregarded or discounted. Many great strides have been made -- from the new Care & Shelter Plan and database which is a model for the country, the Webby Award for Best Government website for www.72hours.org, the new AlertSF text paging system, the new community/district emergency planning efforts, regular major citywide training and exercise programs, to innovative new programs for Disaster Service Workers, the creation of the first-in-the-nation Regional Emergency Coordination Plan, the regional leadership of San Francisco in bringing together the 10 counties and the cities of Oakland, San Jose and San Francisco in an unprecedented spirit of unity and cooperation for disaster planning and Homeland Security grant funding under a new regional structure, as well as a new Emergency Operations Plan, and other plans and annexes such as Tsunami, Severe Weather, and the model Earthquake Plan which will certainly be replicated by other major California cities.

This city should be extremely proud of the record of accomplishment for San Francisco and its leadership in the region. The staff members at OES/HS demonstrated extraordinary effort and served the city with competence and dedication over the past two and one-half years, and they deserve particular recognition. I am fully confident that the Administration will continue its successful efforts in creating a disaster resistant community.

I wish you all of the best in the New Year ahead.

Sincerely,

Annemarie Conroy