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Neil Goldschmidt, Governor-Elect
Room 453
State Capitol
Salem, OR 97310

Dear Governor-elect Goldschmidt:

As Director of three state agencies spanning 16 years and three Governors, I know how important it is to be able to name ones own team. In that spirit, this letter is to advise you that should you so desire, I will resign my position as Director of the Department of Land Conservation and Development.

My resignation would come with mixed emotions. I am proud that after ten years we have finally approved the plans of all 277 cities and counties. I am proud that we have been able to reduce the level of public controversy that in the past has placed the agency on the ballot every two years. And I am disappointed that the program has not yet reached certain objectives that I believe are critical to its survival: full coordination of local, state, and federal land use programs, and a full realization that one of the best economic development tools Oregon has is its statewide planning program.

Those objectives can be reached. Much work remains and strong leadership and support in the Governor's Office will be required.

I would be pleased to be a member of your team working on those objectives together. However, at your bidding, I will submit my resignation to my appointing authority, the Land Conservation and Development Commission.

Best wishes to you and your family during the holiday season. May you have every success as you prepare to govern this state over the next four years.

Sincerely,

James F. Ross
Director

cc: Vic Atiyeh, Governor
LCDC Commissioners

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