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Subject: **Resignation**

In this election year there has been an unusual level of interest in end of my judicial career as I have been considering the precise means of ending it. It has been a difficult decision, as many of you are aware, inasmuch as so many have actively participated in the process. I want to thank all of you for your wise counsel, advice, and support.

Ultimately, I have decided to resign in such a manner that the seat known as Group 8 will be filled by appointment, not by election. A copy of my letter to the governor is attached. I have been assured the

resignation will be accepted by the executive before the qualifying period begins on May 2, 2016. I will remain in the position until the end of the year at which time I am confident that the governor will provide you an eager, competent, and industrious replacement.
As always, I look forward to working with you for the balance of the year.

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