

November 30, 2011

The Honorable Barack Obama President of the United States The White House Washington, D.C. 20502

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to officially inform you of my retirement as a U.S. Election Assistance Commissioner effective Friday, December 30, 2011.

Having spent a lifetime dedicated to election administration in federal, state and local government, and with my second term coming to an end, I believe it is time for me to return to Colorado to be closer to my family and pursue new professional projects.

Serving as a Commissioner for six and one-half years has been a wonderful experience. I am truly fortunate to have served as a Presidential appointee and work with so many outstanding individuals over the years. I will always treasure the opportunities provided me through this experience.

Sincerely,

Donetta L. Davidson