

Statement of Commissioner Steven T. Walther
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I would like to address the Commission, Commission staff, past and present, as well as those who do business before the Commission.

My time at the Federal Election Commission has come to an end. I never imagined when my good friend Senator Harry Reid recommended to President George Bush the appointment of this Nevada cowboy to the Federal Election Commission that I would be in this position for over 16 years. We have seen many changes in the campaign finance landscape, but one thing that has not changed is the talent and dedication of Commissioners and staff, past and present, and their admirable efforts to fulfill the mission of this agency.

Although I cannot thank every person that has played a part in my time here, I would like to specifically thank a handful of individuals.

First, I would like to thank my family. I could not have held this position, so far from home, without your support and love.

I would like to thank our current slate of Commissioners and wish them well as they move forward with the task of enforcing the law.

I would also like to thank Commissioner Ellen Weintraub. Your unwavering efforts towards transparency and enforcement are commendable. You are a steadfast advocate for enforcing the law. You have also been a good friend to me since my first days at the Commission.

Thank you to Commissioner Shana Broussard. For five years you served as my counsel and advisor, and I am thankful for your service to my office and privileged now to see your remarkable service as a Commissioner.

Thank you to Brad Deutsch and Tom Anderson. Both served as my counsel and advisors for many years, and I held their advice and service in high regard. I appreciate all that each of you did to keep my office running so smoothly.

I would also like to thank all the other staff members that have worked in my office. There are too many to name, but I appreciate each one. Wanda Brown and Anne Robinson offered me their counsel through the end of my time here, with the added challenge of doing so long distance. I am grateful for their service during these challenging times.

Finally, I would like to thank Tiffany Carson-Canady. Her assistance with technical and connection issues allowed me to continue in my role as Commissioner from my home in Nevada during the pandemic. I appreciate your help.

I am incredibly honored to have had the opportunity to serve with all of you, and to have served the American people, for the past sixteen years. I wish Commissioner Lindenbaum the best as she assumes her position at the Commission and assure her that she is in good hands with this agency's committed and devoted staff.

Thank you, again, and I wish you the best.

Steven T. Walther