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Dear Patients and Colleagues,

I am writing you because I have made the decision to retire from active patient care. This decision is the culmination of a process that has taken a number of years. Prior to the pandemic, I began looking for a well-trained, younger dentist to care for my patients, many of whom I have known for over forty years! This was not an easy task because I set high standards for that person to meet. About a year and a half ago I met Dr. Sam Vjeh. I was particularly impressed with Dr. Vjeh at our first meeting because our discussion centered on tooth conserving techniques and optimal individual patient care.

Dr. Vjeh truly has a passion for helping others and dentistry. He began his career seeing patients in public health settings. He has worked in many high needs areas across the country where he treated patients with complex cases and limited resources. This allowed him to hone in on his skill and passion for conservative dental treatment. After this, Dr. Vjeh spent several years in private practices across the East Bay. He has also been an associate in a prosthodontic office where he designed and created custom restorations himself and saw patients with complicated treatment plans. I believe his non-aggressive approach and his exposure to advanced dental techniques makes him the perfect fit to take over my duties at the practice.



When Sars-Cov-2 arrived in the early months of 2020 I was still seeing patients. However, in mid-March we cancelled all elective procedures as mandated by the Alameda County Health Department. We had to find a way to treat those patients who were in pain or had serious infections. I realized early on that I was a member of the high-risk group. Dr. Vjeh approached me with the idea of stepping in to treat patients. From that point forward, he has provided comprehensive treatment to my patients. He and I have spent countless hours discussing treatment plans and techniques. I have had the privilege of observing how he approaches patients and how he treats their needs. It became clear to me that we share the same philosophy of seeing only one patient at a time and allowing the time necessary to thoroughly complete their treatment. I feel very lucky to have met him and feel very comfortable with him assuming my responsibilities. Dr. Vjeh has my complete confidence and I sincerely hope you will turn to him for your dental needs.

With Dr. Vjeh seeing patients, I took over planning and executing extensive modifications to our HVAC system and treatment room ventilation to ensure that we could confidently maintain a very safe environment for patients and staff. With this project completed, I made the decision to retire from practice and for Dr. Vjeh to permanently assume patient care.

After forty-five years of practice I realized that this transition would be a slow one! I am still very involved in the office I have spoken to many of our patients in person and by phone, and I continue to discuss dentistry with Dr. Vjeh. I am sure that this will continue into the future.

I want to thank all of our patients, office staff and colleagues for their confidence and support over these many years.

Sincerely,

Thomas Cane