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LEE A. ISRAEL, MAYOR

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My Dear Fellow Residents of Woodburgh,

It is with a heavy heart that I must officially announce my resignation as Mayor for the Village of Woodburgh. Serving over two decades in the village with the last 5 terms as Mayor has been an honor and privilege that I have sincerely enjoyed. We had decided to sell our home in Woodburgh several years ago which was always very transparent to both the board and community. For better or worse, my house has finally sold and in accordance with legal regulations I can no longer serve in the capacity of Mayor without maintaining residence in the village. I work on the North Shore in Suffolk County and the commute has become increasingly difficult which was the ultimate reason for this decision.

I do appreciate the support and friendship that the board, staff and residents have shown me throughout my tenure as mayor. Through all our mutual efforts, today Woodburgh is in the best position that it has historically ever been. We have worked tirelessly to create a cohesive board, assemble a fantastic staff and surround ourselves with sage counsel, so I am confident that Woodburgh will continue to flourish in the many years to come.

At my suggestion and upon my resignation, the board has appointed Jake Harman as Mayor and Alan Hirmes as his Deputy. Both Jake and Alan are extremely capable and well versed in all aspects of Village business. I am fully confident of their abilities to steward the Board of Trustees and village staff leading Woodburgh into an even more positive future. Additionally, because the Village is involved in several important transitional matters, I have accepted the Commissionership of "Strategic Planning and Special Projects" at the Board's request. This newly created position allows for the continuation of my involvement with the village in an advisory role to assist in supporting the Mayor and Board in all of its upcoming efforts.

While I have had the opportunity to serve this community in many capacities, there has been no greater experience than being your mayor; and that I will truly miss. I am so proud of what we have accomplished and can honestly say that together we have made the Village of Woodburgh a better place. Although I now may be living elsewhere at this stage in my life, nonetheless **it is Woodburgh that I will always call home.** With the greatest respect and appreciation to our beloved community

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee A. Israel", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Hon. Lee A. Israel  
Mayor Emeritus  
The Incorporated Village of Woodburgh