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The Honorable Lenny Curry  
City Hall at St. James  
117 West Duval Street, Suite 400  
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Dear Mayor Curry,

Serving as Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for the City of Jacksonville since you appointed me in July 2015, has been a privilege and responsibility I have cherished, respected and honored.

When you were elected Mayor, the citizens called for a different type of leadership and wanted a mayor who would make significant accomplishments for our city. You answered their mandate and the city's commitment to your priorities of public safety, neighborhoods and youth, or as you so compassionately referred to these citizens as, "every child," has deepened greatly. The needle has been moved on economic development, and the revitalization of our downtown, has begun.

Our work with the City Council has been critical to your plan to better this community. The spring you were elected, so was a majority of the Council. We worked closely with each of these individuals and their sitting counterparts to ensure not only a healthy balance of powers but that the priorities of the executive and legislative branches were complimentary and in the best interest of the citizens. I am grateful to the Council Members and the Council's leadership for their support of you, this administration and my position.

Under your leadership and with the Council's support, we have changed this city for the better. In addition to passing three budgets which elevated the city's commitment to your priorities, our city's pension crisis was solved, significant investments were made in the Sports Complex and our city's youth-serving and crime-preventing programs were improved through the creation of the Kids Hope Alliance. In the majority of the instances, the decisions have been unanimous, further evidence of the solid relationship between the branches of government. When Jacksonville speaks, people now take notice. The relationships we forged with our state and federal colleagues and elected officials underscore the prominence of Jacksonville on a larger scale and will serve us well into the future. I am proud to have played a part in this success.

Of equal privilege has been serving side-by-side with the dedicated employees of the City of Jacksonville. I have never met a group of more talented or committed individuals who take such pride in their work and their community. My esteemed colleagues, Sam Mousa, Mike Weinstein and Brian Hughes, have been invaluable partners in this good work and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve with them.

Early in my career I served in both the legislative and executive branches of our state's government. The late Senate President Jim King and members of the State's cabinet gave me opportunities that had a lasting impact on my commitment to public service. You too, took a chance and allowed me to join your team, learn local government and serve the community that I have called home for my entire life. I am equally grateful for the confidence you have placed in me and the support I have enjoyed each and every day.

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After much contemplation, and despite the positive future I foresee, it is now time for someone else to serve you, your administration and this city in this important capacity. This is not a decision I have made lightly but is one that I feel is in the best interest of my family and me. I respectfully request that you accept my resignation from the Office of the Mayor with my final day in the office will be May 18, 2018.

Our city's future is nothing but bright. While I will no longer be part of the day-to-day efforts, I remain committed to you and the people of the City of Jacksonville.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allison Korman Shelton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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