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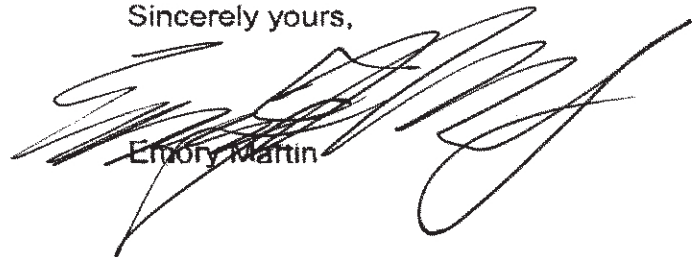
Mr. Tom Oliver, Chairman
Hall County Board of Commissioners
P. O. Box 1435
Gainesville, GA 30503

Dear Chairman Oliver:

I have been requested by you as Chairman of the Hall County Commission to take a leave of absence from my duties as Chairman of the Hall County Board of Tax Assessors pending the completion of the investigation by the District Attorney of administrative procedures implemented by the Hall County Board of Tax Assessors. As concerns such investigation, I as well as other members of the Board of Tax Assessors, have fully cooperated with the District Attorney in providing all information requested by his office, and I am confident that the District Attorney's investigation will ultimately fully vindicate me and the other members of the Board of Tax Assessors. However, in an effort to diminish and to alleviate further distraction caused by the investigation, I am, effective May 2, 2008, requesting that I be granted a leave of absence as Chairman of the Hall County Board of Tax Assessors pending the completion of the District Attorney's investigation. The effective date of my requested leave of absence reflects a date immediately after it is expected that work on the County tax digest by the Board of Assessors will be complete.

Pending conclusion of the investigation in this matter, I look forward to once again working with the Hall County Board of Commissioners.

Sincerely yours,



Emory Martin