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The Honorable Robert A. DeLeo
Speaker of the House of Representatives
State House, Room 356
Boston, MA 02113

Dear Speaker DeLeo:

In all the decisions that I have made in my public life, I have tried to do what is best for the Great City of Lawrence and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Today is no different. Throughout the last six weeks, I have felt that it was my duty to persevere and make every effort to complete the term of office, of State Representative for the 16th Essex District, for which the people of Lawrence elected me some eight years ago.

I have been blessed to have been able to serve as an elected State Representative, as an elected member of the Democratic State Committee, and now as the elected Mayor of Lawrence.

People from near and far have communicated to me how significant it is for me to serve my community and represent them on a daily basis.

I applied for two jobs, I went through two interviews and on each Election Day the selection committee, made up of the people of Lawrence, chose me to work for them. I continue to do that work today.

In the past few days, however, it has become clear to me that I can no longer serve in the House of Representatives, advocating for the City of Lawrence, in the same manner to which I have grown accustomed over the years. My passion, my determination and my tireless work ethic on behalf of Lawrence is what you and my colleagues in the House have come to expect of me on every issue facing my city.

It has been an honor and a privilege serving as State Representative in such a historic institution, the House of Representatives, under your leadership. Your commitment and advocacy for the City of Lawrence over the years have made my city a better place.

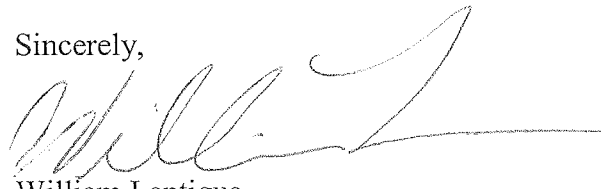
This morning, I entered my 40th day as Mayor of Lawrence. As you know, the problems that I inherited in Lawrence are enormous, but they are problems that I am taking head on with my new administration. Many of these issues will be addressed with strong leadership, sound judgment, and a large dose of common sense. Other issues will require extraordinary measures, and in November I requested such a measure through legislation filed by Governor Deval Patrick and by seeking the support of my colleagues in the General Court.

The people of Lawrence have asked that I serve them and I do it to the best of my ability.

Today, I submit my resignation as State Representative so that I may continue to serve the people of Lawrence to the best of my ability. At this time, "my best" means advocating from Lawrence as Mayor of Lawrence.

Thank you and I wish you and my colleagues all the best in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Lantigua", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William Lantigua

Mayor, The Great City of Lawrence

cc William F. Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Steven T. James, House Clerk