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## *Memorandum*

To: Honorable Board of Aldermen

From: Mayor Bobby Cox

Date: June 2, 2026

Re: Executive Administrator & Public Affairs Officer

Please accept the resignation of Executive Administrator & Public Affairs Officer Laurri Garcia effective June 5, 2026 and authorize to begin the process of filling the vacancy.

Thank you for your favorable consideration.

**From:** Laurri Garcia <laurri1224@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 22, 2026 5:49 AM  
**To:** Laurri Garcia <lgarcia@oceansprings-ms.gov>  
**Subject:** Letter of Resignation

May 22, 2026

Mayor Bobby Cox  
City of Ocean Springs  
1018 Porter Avenue  
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

Dear Mayor Cox,

Please accept this letter as my formal resignation from my position with the City of Ocean Springs, effective June 5, 2026.

This decision has not been made lightly. Recent personal tragedy within my family has required me to reevaluate both my personal and professional priorities during an extremely difficult time. After careful consideration, I believe stepping away from my position is the best decision for my well-being and my family.

I am sincerely grateful for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Ocean Springs and to work alongside many dedicated employees, department heads, community partners, and elected officials who care deeply about this city and its future. I appreciate the trust placed in me throughout my time with the City and value the professional relationships and experience gained during my service.

At the same time, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge that the ongoing lack of professionalism demonstrated by a few individuals, the repeated breaches of confidentiality surrounding personnel matters, and the

political manipulation of information for personal gain have created an increasingly difficult and hostile work environment. The personal attacks and erosion of trust associated with these issues have made it impossible for me to continue serving effectively in my role.

Despite these challenges, I remain proud of the work accomplished during my tenure and thankful for the many employees and residents who continue to work every day to make Ocean Springs a strong and vibrant community.

I will do my best to assist with an orderly transition prior to my departure.

Respectfully,

*Laurri L. Garcia*