



# CITY *of* CLOVIS

— OFFICE OF THE MAYOR —

*Mayor José "Joe" Flores*

## RETIREMENT STATEMENT

July 26, 2022

Dear Clovis, CA Voters,

Words cannot adequately express my gratitude to the people of Clovis for the privilege of representing them on the City Council. In 1999 Clovis Voters placed their trust in me and reelected me five more times. I will be forever grateful for your encouragement and support. I will always be thankful for the opportunity you gave me to serve as your Councilmember and Mayor.

I will not be filing for re-election to City Council. Instead, I will complete my current term and continue my forty-year public service career as the Chief of Police of the State Center Community College District Police Department. I believe I can better apply my skills, talents, and knowledge in law enforcement and higher education. Retiring from the City Council also affords me more time with my family.

I want to thank my wife, Shelley, and our children, Joe, Miguel, and Milena, for their support and sacrifices during my twenty-four-year tenure on the City Council. I want to thank my colleagues on the Council: Harry Armstrong, Tom Sterns, Pat Wynne, Bob Waterston, Nathan Magsig, Lynne Ashbeck, Bob Whalen, Drew Bessinger, and Vong Mouanoutoua. This incredible team of City leaders helped me keep my promises to the voters to keep Clovis a clean and safe city. I also want to thank every employee of the City of Clovis. From the City Managers to the rank and file. You have personified excellence.

There is no perfect time to make this announcement, but the filing period for Councilmember is upon us. Although Bob Whalen's and my departure will extend the period during this cycle, it is essential to give those in Clovis who might be interested in serving sufficient time to consider running for local office and representing our great city.

However, this is not a farewell. Rest assured, I am not giving up on politics. I will stay engaged and pursue political endeavors by other means. I will remain vigilant to ensure the values of Clovis and the Central Valley are preserved and respected.

Sincerely,

  
José G. Flores, Mayor  
City of Clovis