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June 7, 2021

The Honorable Greg Abbott  
Governor, State of Texas  
P.O. Box 12428  
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Dear Governor Abbott:

With utmost gratitude for the opportunity and gift of public service, I write to inform you that I am resigning from my office as Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas (Place 9), effective Friday, June 11, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

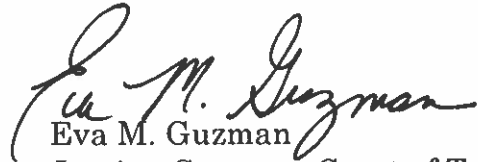
During my 22 years as a member of the Texas judiciary, I have been privileged to serve on the Harris County trial bench (309th District Court), the Houston-based Fourteenth Court of Appeals, and for nearly half my judicial tenure, Texas's highest civil court. In all of these forums, the people of Texas have entrusted me with the solemn duties of judicial office, chief among them to uphold our state and federal constitutions. It has been the honor of a lifetime to answer this high calling.

For more than two decades, I have endeavored to enrich the jurisprudence of our state and help Texans solve problems. The experience has been immensely rewarding. I leave the judiciary with great respect and appreciation for the many committed groups and individuals across the state who have shared my mission of improving the delivery of justice in Texas. I am especially thankful to have played a leadership role in the important work of two Texas Supreme Court commissions: The Permanent Judicial Commission for Children, Youth and Families and the Texas Access to Justice Commission. As Chair of the Children's Commission, I have worked to improve outcomes for the most vulnerable in our justice system, and as the liaison to the Access to Justice Commission, I have worked to increase access to justice for low-income Texans. Through the ongoing commitment of all those who join in these efforts, this shared legacy will continue to grow and benefit the people of Texas.

Governor, I am confident you will fill the impending Supreme Court of Texas vacancy with a jurist who will bring honor to the office and exemplary service to the people of the Lone Star State.

In departing from the judiciary, I echo the words of our forefathers by “humbly invoking the blessings of Almighty God” on the great state of Texas and our justice system and all it serves. God be with the State of Texas and the honorable Supreme Court of Texas.

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eva M. Guzman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "G".

Eva M. Guzman  
Justice, Supreme Court of Texas