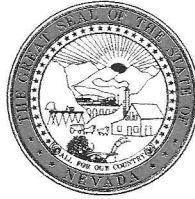


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Governor Brian Sandoval
101 N. Carson Street
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Dear Governor Sandoval,

I have always considered public service to be an honor, a privilege and a sacrifice and I take incredibly seriously the trust that the constituents of the 9th Senate District have placed in me. It is because of that relationship – that level of trust – that I must submit to you today my resignation from the Nevada State Senate.

As you are aware, our family is going through an incredibly difficult time. I appreciate your support through these challenges and the support of many of my colleagues both Republican and Democrat who have chosen to respect the line between public service and private family matters. Sometimes in the darkest days, can be found the greatest strength.

And I appreciate the support of the constituents I have been elected to represent. They have, without exception, proven to be wonderful people that have been understanding and compassionate toward me not just as an elected official, but also as a newly single mother. I've been proud to serve them.

Even most in the media have been respectful of an incredibly difficult private matter. As I transition from public life back into private life I'm hopeful that my family, especially my children, will be able to return to normal lives of school, homework, activities and family time instead of wondering when a friend will ask them about family challenges they learned about from those determined to enhance themselves by tearing down others.

As much as I enjoy my public service, our family dynamic has changed in a way that makes it impossible to serve the people at a level that I believe they should and do deserve.

Further, Nevada leads the nation in unemployment and we have a President that continues to make it difficult for Nevada businesses to grow, invest and create jobs. I have seen this first hand as I continue to try unsuccessfully to find a job.

The job market is tough and there are a lot of Americans ready, willing and able to work hard and do a good job. With so few jobs in Nevada and so many applicants, few employers are interested in hiring a new employee that will be unavailable for six months every other year while serving in Carson City, plus has extra responsibilities to make public appearances, attend interim committee meetings and a host of community and political events. That, coupled with my reputation and integrity being regularly demonized by selfish partisans and a handful of reckless bloggers with personal agendas of salacious, unfounded personal attacks on me, makes it impossible to locate employment here in Nevada.

My children have been through a lot. In order to protect them from any additional public humiliation and financially provide for them I must focus my efforts completely as a mother and job seeker. Those responsibilities, and the very real possibility that I will have to relocate to a place with a family support structure or better prospects for employment mean that I simply cannot provide the level of service to the residents of District 9 they are entitled to.

So it is with responsibility but not pleasure that I submit to you my resignation effective immediately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth Halseth', written in a cursive style.

Elizabeth Halseth
State Senator