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To: Lauri Braid
Subject: Mea Culpa

Dear Commissioners,

Today I received, from the media, an inquiry on the travails of our county administrator. I also received copies of the credit card statements that were apparently transmitted by commissioner-elect Hartman Aue. Of course, there is much to be concerned about, but I also noticed two charges made on the county account by me.

We are in a sea of mistrust and, I'm guessing that it's going to get worse before it gets better. Therefore I feel it's imperative that I explain my credit card charges before being asked about them.

This summer I took my daughter to Chicago. There was a show she wanted to see and I bought the tickets from Vivid Seats (a company like Ticketmaster or StubHub). I have a Citi credit card that is identical in appearance to the county Card. I accidentally used the wrong card. The statement was brought to my attention by my finance staff member and I wrote a check directly to Citi right away. Now I no longer carry my county card.

Next, and this is a little embarrassing, my other daughter wanted to see a show two months later. The tickets were available, again through the same vendor, and I ordered them and was told that "my credit card was on file" and I proceeded with the order. Turns out they had the county card number from the last order. Again, it was presented to me by my staff and a check made to Cit on the spot.

I wholly accept responsibility for two oversights on my part, but they were just that. I wanted to get this information to you immediately in case someone asks. I have no care if this statement is public or not. I made an error and it was never, ever my intention that the county would be paying for my non work related entertainment. And, in fact, my payment was made to Citi directly so the county never paid a dime

Again, I am sorry

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