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A Promise to the People of Sedgwick County

COVID-19 has negatively impacted so many of our citizens and businesses often creating high levels of emotions. This past week has demonstrated how very human, even elected officials can be.

We take responsibility for our mistakes and wanted to take a few minutes to make a promise to you, our constituents.

When we were elected, we knew this would be a challenging job. Any time you represent more than a half-million people, with varying interests and opinions, coming together for common solutions is not easy. Still, as challenging as we thought it would be, we never anticipated the complexity of a global pandemic that would shake us to our core.

But here we are, and we want you to know that despite some of our recent behaviors, we are committed to protecting the health and lives of the people in Sedgwick County. We are balancing that with attempting to restart an economy that has been decimated in the past year, primarily as a result of the 737 Max halt in production, and an overall global economic slow-down that has unequivocally hurt our small businesses and non-profits as a result of COVID-19.

Moving forward, our promise to you is to continue to engage in respectful and meaningful discussions during our commission meetings, with the goal of always making decisions that are in the best interest of the people of Sedgwick County.

We promise to listen more, do our due diligence and find ways to show you – through our actions and words – that we deserve the trust you've given us when you elected us to govern this great county.

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As we enter the next phase of the Governor's plan, our commission will be open to adjust and be a part of the solution for our community. We will be accountable to this promise and to the citizens of Sedgwick County.

Thank you, and our heartfelt hope that we all can stay healthy and hopeful in the coming months.

Sincerely,

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Peter F. Meitzner, Chairman
Commissioner – First District

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lacey D. Cruse". The signature is cursive, with a large initial "L" and "C".

Lacey D. Cruse, Chair Pro Tem
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