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Subject: Re: An official announcement of a decision made by the chairman of the Board of Trustees, Jagdish M Mehta

Dear Mahatme, Sandesh, Gopi and Meenu:

We are going through some difficult times at the temple. There are people who are looking for the benefit and power for their own rather than the service to the temple and the communities of devotees.

Unfortunately, we all are caught between various factions. My tenure is limited and my term as a chairman is coming to an end very quickly. Even then, I still have to complete my terms properly and graciously.

So that the next chairman has a clean slate to function and for the temple to prosper. I have no ulterior motive except the temple's well being.

When last time a couple of years ago temple got involved in the legal maneuvering between various trustees, it ended up costing peace of mind, money, and some serious infighting, it was absolutely terrible.

This time something similar infighting could be on the horizon. My actions are based on following bylaws as written and approved properly. Yes, I could have been more aggressive in our last meeting and stopped the election if I realized that people were co-operative and were going to be forgiving various omissions. Unfortunately, that is not the case.

I see a future where lawyers and legal infighting will be involved. The temple is going to be dragged in the various print and TV media in the town and the state. This will prove to be one of the most damaging publicity that the temple would go through. I am afraid that a couple of communities might give up utilizing the temple. As a preventive measure of avoiding the disaster, I am trying to follow the rules prescribed by our bylaws.

I accept the resignations offered by Our honorable Gopinath Latpate and our highly respected Mrs. Mahatme.

Based on your email letter to all of us, you seem to be very serious about paying attention to your work and fast growing careers. Our society needs you both as a wonderful business person as well as an amazing attorney in the business world. You are both very young and are enjoying a fantastic prosperous career. Please pay attention to your career so we can have a better society. I think there are trustees other than us three, who will take care of the temple as soon as we help solve some internal disputes between them.

Hereby, I accept resignations of the Latpate family and Mahatme family as the members of the board of trustees.

Thank you.

Jagdish Mehta