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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 27, 2025

Today I am officially announcing my retirement, effective February 28, 2025, after 43 years of service in the Austin County District Attorney's Office.

I started my career as an Assistant District Attorney on February 1, 1982 under District Attorney Charles Houston. For over 6 years, Mr. Houston and I prosecuted felonies in Austin County, Fayette County, and Waller County.

District Attorney Houston decided not to run for reelection, and I was elected District Attorney in 1988. In 1989, the legislature combined the Austin County District Attorney's Office with the Austin County Attorney's Office, and Governor Clements appointed me as head of the newly created Criminal District Attorney's office.

Austin County voters have chosen me as their Criminal District Attorney in 10 elections spanning 5 decades. I retire proudly as the longest currently-serving District Attorney in the State of Texas.

It has been my pleasure to work with my support staff, law enforcement officers, and public officials in Austin County and across the state. Our community is a better place because of the top-quality talent willing to dedicate their time and efforts to public service.

Serving Austin County as your chief law enforcement officer has been one of the greatest honors of my life. I have worked hard over the years to use my position to provide stability and safety for our citizens, and to give back to a community that has always given me so much.

I will be writing a letter of reference to Governor Greg Abbott recommending that Brandy Robinson—my First Assistant District Attorney of almost 20 years—be appointed to fill the balance of my term until the next election in 2026. She will become acting District Attorney upon my retirement until an appointment is made. I have full faith and confidence that the Austin County District Attorney's Office will continue effective prosecution under her leadership.

Thank you all for your continued faith and support over the years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Travis J. Koehn".

Travis J. Koehn  
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