

*NIRANJAN S. SHAH*

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Dear Governor Quinn:

I have dedicated almost 20 years of public service to higher education in Illinois. I have always been motivated by a strong desire to devote my time and ability for the public good.

I strongly supported the establishment of an independent commission to fully investigate the admissions practices of the University of Illinois. Over the last few days, public statements from Chairman Mikva and the commission members made it clear that they think the trustees should resign.

I am not in public service for self-aggrandizement and therefore have no interest in a protracted process regarding my role. My interest is solely in the vitality of the University of Illinois. I hope those who will serve the University of Illinois in the future, and those who have executive and legislative authority over the University, share that goal and will use their power and influence to achieve that end.

I have determined that it is in the best interest of this process that I step down from my position as Trustee of the University of Illinois effective in ninety (90) days or sooner if my successor is in place.

Sincerely,

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