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COMMISSIONER CAROLINE C. HUNTER**

When Matt Petersen leaves the Commission, we will lose a true gentleman-scholar and tireless defender of Americans' First Amendment rights. The Commission will also lose its quorum.

Without a quorum, certain Commission activities will not take place. For example, the Commission will not be able to hold meetings, initiate audits, vote on enforcement matters, issue advisory opinions, or engage in rulemakings.

But it will be business as usual at the Commission in other ways. Our Reports Analysis Division, Information Division, Information Technology Division, Office of Compliance, and Office of General Counsel, among others, will still be on the job, answering questions, litigating cases, maintaining our website, conducting ongoing audits, and processing complaints, disclosure reports, and other filings.

Despite the lack of quorum, I expect to be fully occupied while at the Commission reviewing case files and preparing for new Members to join the Commission.

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