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Dear Friends and Patients,

After nearly forty years in dentistry, I've decided that it's time to retire. It's been a privilege and joy to practice periodontics, and I can honestly say that being your periodontist has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. Thank you for the trust you've placed in me over the years. The relationships I've developed with so many of you have meant a great deal to me, and I'm truly grateful for them.

As I prepared for this transition, it was very important to me to find someone who not only has excellent training and skills, but also genuinely cares about people and shares my approach to personal, thoughtful patient care. I'm very pleased to introduce Dr. Sandy Ku, who will be taking over the practice and continuing your periodontal care.

Dr. Ku grew up right here in Yorba Linda and is thrilled to be returning to the community where she was raised. She and her husband look forward to building their lives and raising their family here.

Dr. Ku completed an intensive three-year specialty residency in periodontics at the University of Illinois Chicago, where she received advanced training in all aspects of periodontal and dental implant surgery. After graduating from dental school, Dr. Ku also completed a General Practice Residency at the UCLA School of Dentistry and worked as a general dentist before pursuing her periodontal and implant specialty training. She's exceptionally qualified and brings the same commitment to patient-centered care that has always guided this practice.

I'm confident that you'll be in excellent hands with Dr. Ku. The trust and confidence you've shown me over the years will continue with her. I also want to recognize my incredible dental team — their professionalism, kindness, and attention to detail have been the heart of this practice. They'll continue working alongside Dr. Ku, so you'll see the same familiar faces at your visits.

All existing appointments will remain the same. If you're due for a checkup or maintenance cleaning, please don't hesitate to call the office.

It's been an honor to be your periodontist and to be part of your lives for so many years. I hope you'll take the opportunity to meet Dr. Ku and allow her to continue caring for you with the same warmth and dedication that my team and I have always tried to provide.

With gratitude and best wishes,

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