

Dear Citizens of Wilson County,

I am sorry and ashamed. But most of all, I am deeply sorry.

The citizens of this county elected me to serve as their tax assessor for over forty years. They placed their trust in me as a public official and I let them down. I broke the law and I was subsequently charged with a crime.

On August 21, 2019, I appeared in Wilson County District Court and took responsibility for the offense I committed. I entered a plea of guilty, without seeking out any plea bargain from the prosecutor or the promise of any outcome. I paid the restitution requested by the prosecutor in full before the outcome of my case had been decided. The restitution I paid included the \$2,466.69 involved in my case. I also paid an additional \$18,000 in taxes that I had previously deferred, as allowed by law.

As a consequence of my case, I am now incarcerated in the Wilson County Jail and I will be supervised by the Court for five years after my release from incarceration.

Words cannot express how truly sorry I am for violating the trust of the citizens of this community. I was born here in Wilson County and I have spent my life with my friends and neighbors in this community. I raised my family here. This makes my actions all the more regretful. I apologize to each and every citizen of this County for what I did.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anna Gonzales". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Anna Gonzales