

Jared J. "Jay" Caruso-Riecke  
17940 Painters Row  
Covington, LA 70435

January 17, 2019

Mr. Hannaman,

Please accept this letter as my formal response to the erroneous allegations levied against me on January 10, 2019 at our monthly Louisiana State Police Commission meeting held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

At that meeting, I was falsely accused of contributing to a political campaign in July 2017. In actuality, my brother Denis Riecke is the individual that was solely responsible for planning and hosting a fundraiser for a local state representative.

Enclosed in this response you will find six (6) documents that refute the allegations and provide evidence I had nothing to do with the planning, execution, or payment of this event.

The first document is a letter from Mr. Mark Wright, State Representative for District 77. This letter is dated January 10, 2019 and extends Mr. Wright's sincere apology for mistakenly attributing an in-kind contribution to Riecke and Associates, LLC when in truth and fact the contribution (i.e. the catering for the event) was paid for by Denis Riecke and not Riecke and Associates, LLC.

The next two documents are labeled Schedule A-2: In-Kind Contributions. The first one shows Riecke and Associates, LLC incorrectly listed as a contributor for the event. The second document shows the official document has been corrected by Mr. Wright to reflect Denis Riecke personally as the contributor and removing any reference to Riecke and Associates, LLC.

Document number four is a copy of the invitation for the event. Of note you will see neither my name personally nor Riecke and Associates, LLC appears anywhere on this invitation.

Document number five is a receipt from the restaurant where the fundraiser was held. Of note, you will see the receipt is made out to Denis Riecke on July 11, 2017. It states that it is an invoice for the Mark Wright Campaign Event totaling \$500. You will also notice in the bottom right hand corner that it is been signed by, what one would assume is, a member of the restaurant personnel. In that hand writing it states "Dennis paid \$500 cash".


The final document, document number six, is a notarized affidavit signed by Denis Riecke. This affidavit states that he, in his individual capacity, sponsored and funded the political event in question. It also states that no other person or entity contributed to nor participated in the payment for this event.

I take the seriousness of serving on the Louisiana State Police Commission deeply to heart. Since I have been on the Commission (sworn in on June 17, 2016), I have at no time sponsored, planned, attended, financed, or in any way taken part in any political fundraiser for any individual, or political party.

I hope my vindication of these charges will be as vigorously and aggressively made public as was the original allegation.

If you need anything further from me, please do not hesitate to immediately let me know.

Thank you for your diligent efforts on the behalf of this investigation.



Jared J. Caruso-Riecke  
Louisiana State Police Commissioner, District 1

LOUISIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



**MARK WRIGHT**  
State Representative ~ District 77

January 10, 2019

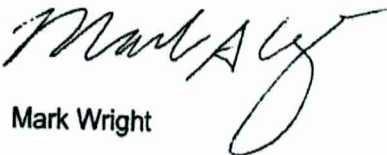
Jared Riecke  
Riecke & Associates  
17840 Painters Row  
Covington, LA 70435

Dear Jared,

Please accept my sincere apology for mistakenly attributing an in-kind contribution to your company during my 2017 campaign for state representative. We have amended our campaign finance filing to show that the catering was paid for by Denis Riecke and not Riecke & Associates. As I mentioned to you during our conversation, the mistake was due to a miscommunication between me and the campaign consultant who filed my report in July 2017, so I take full responsibility for the error.

Again, I apologize for any inconvenience this has caused you, and I am willing to answer any further questions regarding the matter.

Sincerely,

  
Mark Wright

DOC 1



## SCHEDULE A-2: IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

The following information must be provided for all in-kind contributions to your campaign having a monetary value in excess of \$25. In-kind contributions include the donation of tangible property, the use of tangible property, or the services of employees paid by a person other than the candidate or his business. In Column 1, check if the in-kind contributor is a political committee or a party committee. Any in-kind contributions a candidate makes to his own campaign must be reported here. Totals and subtotals are *optional*. Completion of totals and subtotals may assist in calculating totals that must be reported on the Summary Page.

1. Name and Address of In-Kind Contributor	2. In-Kind Contributions this Reporting Period			3. Total this Election
	a. Description(s)	b. Date(s)	c. Amount(s)	
CANAL BARGE 835 Union St. New Orleans, LA 70112  POLITICAL COMMITTEE? <input type="checkbox"/> PARTY COMMITTEE? <input type="checkbox"/>	coffee and refreshments	07/01/2017	\$150.00	\$150.00
HAYNIE & ASSOCIATES P.O. Box 44032 Baton Rouge, LA 70804  POLITICAL COMMITTEE? <input type="checkbox"/> PARTY COMMITTEE? <input type="checkbox"/>	Catering for fundraiser	07/20/2017	\$447.98	\$447.98
PATRICIA JOHN FINAN 15532 Milloit Ln S Covington, LA 70433  POLITICAL COMMITTEE? <input type="checkbox"/> PARTY COMMITTEE? <input type="checkbox"/>	Catering for meet and greet	07/01/2017	\$750.00	\$750.00
RIECKE AND ASSOCIATES 301 N Columbia St Covington, LA 70433  POLITICAL COMMITTEE? <input type="checkbox"/> PARTY COMMITTEE? <input type="checkbox"/>	Catering for meet and greet / fundraiser	07/01/2017	\$500.00	\$500.00
4. SUBTOTAL (this page)			\$1,847.98	N/A
5. TOTAL (complete only on last page of this schedule)			\$ 1,847.98	N/A
6. IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS FROM POLITICAL COMMITTEES				
SUBTOTAL (this page)			\$0.00	
TOTAL (complete only on last page of this schedule)				\$ 0.00

Form 102, Rev. 3/98, Page Rev. 3/98

## SCHEDULE A-2: IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

The following information must be provided for all in-kind contributions to your campaign having a monetary value in excess of \$25. In-kind contributions include the donation of tangible property, the use of tangible property, or the services of employees paid by a person other than the candidate or his business. In Column 1, check if the in-kind contributor is a political committee or a party committee. Any in-kind contributions a candidate makes to his own campaign must be reported here. Totals and subtotals are *optional*. Completion of totals and subtotals may assist in calculating totals that must be reported on the Summary Page.

1. Name and Address of In-Kind Contributor	2. In-Kind Contributions this Reporting Period			3. Total this Election
	a. Description(s)	b. Date(s)	c. Amount(s)	
CANAL BARGE 835 Union St. New Orleans, LA 70112  POLITICAL COMMITTEE? <input type="checkbox"/> PARTY COMMITTEE? <input type="checkbox"/>	coffee and refreshments	07/01/2017	\$150.00	\$150.00
HAYNIE & ASSOCIATES P.O. Box 44032 Baton Rouge, LA 70804  POLITICAL COMMITTEE? <input type="checkbox"/> PARTY COMMITTEE? <input type="checkbox"/>	Catering for fundraiser	07/20/2017	\$447.98	\$447.98
PATRICIA JOHN FINAN 15532 Milloit Ln S Covington, LA 70433  POLITICAL COMMITTEE? <input type="checkbox"/> PARTY COMMITTEE? <input type="checkbox"/>	Catering for meet and greet	07/01/2017	\$750.00	\$750.00
DENIS RIECKE 66 Spruce Drive Covington, LA 70433  POLITICAL COMMITTEE? <input type="checkbox"/> PARTY COMMITTEE? <input type="checkbox"/>	Catering for meet and great fundraiser	07/11/2017	\$500.00	\$500.00
4. SUBTOTAL (this page)			\$1,847.98	N/A
5. TOTAL (complete only on last page of this schedule)			\$ 1,847.98	N/A
6. IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS FROM POLITICAL COMMITTEES				
SUBTOTAL (this page)			\$0.00	
TOTAL (complete only on last page of this schedule)				\$ 0.00

Form 102, Rev. 3/98, Page Rev. 3/98

Doc 3

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

TO A  
FUNDRAISER EVENT

TUESDAY  
JULY 11TH  
5 PM- 8 PM

PIZZA  
&  
POLITICS

---

MARK WRIGHT

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

---

MERIBO

326 LEE LANE . COVINGTON . LA 70433

\$500 DONATION

Please make checks payable to:  
MARK WRIGHT CAMPAIGN

RSVP

by email to  
slhorridge@outlook.com

*Doc 4*





Meribo  
326 Lee Lane  
Covington, La 70433

To: Dennis Riecke

Date: July 11, 2017

INVOICE

Mark Wright Campaign Event

Food + Alcohol:

30ppl

INVOICE TOTAL

\$500.00

DoCS

Dennis  
Paid \$500  
Cash

**AFFIDAVIT**

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY**

**BE IT KNOWN**, that on this 11th day of January, 2019,

**BEFORE ME**, the undersigned Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified in and for the aforementioned Parish and State, personally came and appeared:

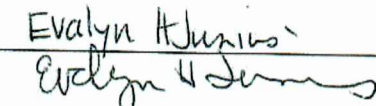
**DENIS RIECKE**, a person of the full age of majority and resident of the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana;

Who did depose and state as follows, to-wit:


- I. That the affiant, in his individual capacity, sponsored and funded a political fundraiser event for Mark Wright, then a candidate for State Representative, at the Meribo Restaurant in Covington, Louisiana, which event was held on Tuesday, July 11, 2017.
- II. That the cost of the event was \$500.00 and was paid entirely by the affiant.
- III. That no other person or entity contributed to, nor participated in, the payment for the above referenced event.

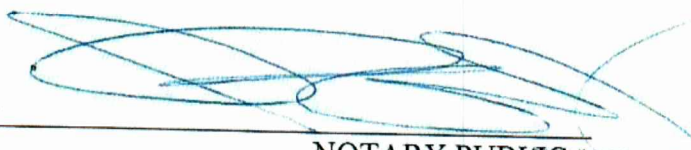
**WITNESSES:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Paige Chambers

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Evelyn H. Junius

**AFFIANT:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Denis Riecke

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
LOUISIANA NOTARY ID NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**JULIAN J. RODRIGUE, JR.**  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
BAR ROLL #11373  
MY COMMISSION IS FOR LIFE

Doc  
6



## Jason Hannaman

---

**From:** Jason Hannaman  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 16, 2019 12:14 PM  
**To:** jay rieckeandassoc.com  
**Subject:** SPC - Request for Information - RE: Investigation of Allegations  
**Attachments:** Millet Complaint 1.10.2019.pdf

Mr. Riecke,

On January 10, 2019, you along with the other commission members instructed me to conduct an investigation into the allegations of prohibited political activity made by Mr. Millet. (see attached) To facilitate the investitive process and to ensure that I can prepare a timely report of findings on or before the next meeting, I ask that you send me your written response to the allegations, including any documentary evidence to substantiate your claim that there was no prohibited political activity. Please submit your response and any supporting documentation as soon as possible but no later than Thursday, January 24, 2019.

Best Regards,

Jason Hannaman, [PHR](#), [SHRM-CP](#)  
Executive Director  
**Louisiana State Police Commission**  
Department of Agriculture & Forestry Building  
5825 Florida Blvd., Suite 1180  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806  
225-925-7057 Office  
225-925-7058 Fax  
[www.laspc.com](http://www.laspc.com)

**PRIVILEGED & CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION:**

The information contained in this transmission may be privileged, confidential, and exempt from disclosure under applicable law. It is intended only for the use of the intended recipient. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby on notice that any unauthorized disclosure, dissemination, distribution, duplication, or taking any action in reliance on the contents of the electronically transmitted materials or contents of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please contact the sender by reply e-mail and destroy all copies of the original message.

## Jason Hannaman

---

**From:** Jason Hannaman  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 16, 2019 12:22 PM  
**To:** Jared Riecke  
**Subject:** RE: SPC - Request for Information - RE: Investigation of Allegations

Thank you for your prompt response.

---

**From:** Jared Riecke <jay@rieckeandassoc.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 16, 2019 12:21 PM  
**To:** Jason Hannaman <Jason.Hannaman@LA.GOV>  
**Subject:** Re: SPC - Request for Information - RE: Investigation of Allegations

Jason,

My response to these erroneous allegations against me will be sent to you digitally via email with hard copy to follow via Federal Express, no later than Friday, January 18, 2019.

Thank you for your diligent efforts in this investigation.

Jared Riecke  
17940 Painters Row  
Covington LA. 70435  
985.892.1545

On Jan 16, 2019, at 12:13 PM, Jason Hannaman <[Jason.Hannaman@LA.GOV](mailto:Jason.Hannaman@LA.GOV)> wrote:

Mr. Riecke,

On January 10, 2019, you along with the other commission members instructed me to conduct an investigation into the allegations of prohibited political activity made by Mr. Millet. (see attached) To facilitate the investitive process and to ensure that I can prepare a timely report of findings on or before the next meeting, I ask that you send me your written response to the allegations, including any documentary evidence to substantiate your claim that there was no prohibited political activity. Please submit your response and any supporting documentation as soon as possible but no later than Thursday, January 24, 2019.

Best Regards,

Jason Hannaman, [PHR](#), [SHRM-CP](#)  
Executive Director  
**Louisiana State Police Commission**  
Department of Agriculture & Forestry Building  
5825 Florida Blvd., Suite 1180  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806  
225-925-7057 Office  
225-925-7058 Fax

## Jason Hannaman

---

**From:** Jason Hannaman  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 17, 2019 2:46 PM  
**To:** Jared Riecke  
**Subject:** RE: Formal Response - LSPC Investigation

Thank you for your timely response; this information is very helpful.

Jason

---

**From:** Jared Riecke <jay@rieckeandassoc.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 17, 2019 2:22 PM  
**To:** Jason Hannaman <Jason.Hannaman@LA.GOV>  
**Cc:** Jared Jay Riecke <jay@rieckeandassoc.com>  
**Subject:** Formal Response - LSPC Investigation

Mr. Hannaman,

Please find my formal response.

A hard copy is being sent to your office via Federal Express (Tracking# 809413010251) for delivery tomorrow morning January 18, 2019.

Jared Riecke  
17940 Painters Row  
Covington LA. 70435  
985.892.1545