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April 5, 2017

Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs
Att. Ms. Karen Ryder
525 Florida Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70801

Re: East Baton Rouge Council on Aging

Dear Ms. Ryder:

In recent months there have been multiple legal and ethical allegations made against the East Baton Rouge Council on Aging concerning both the executive staff and their Board of Directors.

As the chartering agency for the State of Louisiana for the local Council on Aging, we respectfully request that your agency launches a formal investigation into the East Baton Rouge Council on Aging regarding the two specific allegations listed in this letter. Our wish is that you clear this Council or take appropriate action in replacing both the executive staff and their current board.


If these very serious allegations are true and no action is taken, we feel that this will set a precedent on which other Councils across the State of Louisiana can act upon.

Enclosed is an addendum listing the alleged allegations.

Thank you for your serious consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


Buddy Amoroso
Metro Councilman – District 8


Dwight Hudson
Metro Councilman – District 9

BA/DH:dg
Cc: Capital Region Legislative Delegation
Enclosure

ADDENDUM

Allegations:

1. Using East Baton Rouge Council on Aging (EBRCOA) money for political purposes.
<https://www.businessreport.com/business/allegations-council-aging-illegally-involved-promoting-tax-november-election-raised-questions-prompted-probe-legislative-auditor>

2. Violating State of Louisiana ethic laws.

On July 7, 2016 the director of EBRCOA, Dytashia Clark-Amar and one board member Dorthy F. Jackson (attorney), helped Helen Plummer with her will. Ms. Jackson was the attorney who prepared and notarized Ms. Plummer's will. In Ms. Plummer's will it named Dorthy F. Jackson as attorney for Ms. Plummer's Estate. It also named Ms. Clark-Amar as the executrix. Ms. Clark-Amar in her role as executrix is to be compensated \$500 per month for the next 21 years.

Being that Ms. Plummer was a client of the EBRCOA and that Ms. Clark-Amar is a "public servant", this is a violation of Louisiana Ethics Laws and could almost be considered as Elderly Financial Abuse.