



JEFFERSON PARISH

Office of the President

Michael S. Yenni
Parish President

October 10, 2016

Dear Councilmembers:

I have read with humility your request for my resignation. While I understand your position and your concerns, I have and will continue to dutifully perform the obligations of the Office of Parish President.

As I noted in my statement, my actions are regrettable, and I am penitent. I have accepted responsibility for my poor judgment, and I apologized publicly to all parties involved. The incident at the center of this allegation is personal, and I was not Parish President at the time of the incident. I did not violate any laws and I have not been contacted by any investigatory agency, especially the FBI, regarding this allegation.

I want to put this in the proper perspective. I have been true to the oath that I have taken. I stated clearly that I never abused or misused my powers as a public official and there has been no misuse of tax dollars or public assets. And, I will work harder than ever to prove that good can rise from a bad decision. Because out of struggle comes strength, I am prepared to prove how strong I will be when fighting for Jefferson Parish. Therefore, while I respect your concern, I will not resign the Office of Parish President. The allegations in no way impact my ability to effectively govern or manage the day-to-day operations of Parish government.

Now that you have done what you believe to be necessary, I urge you not to rush to judgment. I hope you will give me the opportunity to prove that I will separate my personal situation from my public responsibility.

Sincerely,

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President

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