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## **Communications Director set to move to Louisiana Democratic Party**

City of Shreveport Communications Director Benjamin Riggs has accepted the Director of Communications position for the Louisiana Democratic Party. He notified Mayor Adrian Perkins of his decision on January 6, 2021. Riggs will remain at his current post through January 29, 2021 to bring any ongoing projects to a conclusion and assist with the transition.

“Ben has been more than a team member for my administration, but a family member. He worked diligently to keep our citizens informed, throughout crisis after crisis with a sense of unwavering integrity and duty to the City of Shreveport,” said Mayor Perkins. “We will miss him, but we are excited about the opportunities ahead for him and his family.”

Mayor Adrian Perkins appointed Riggs when he took office on December 29, 2018.

“This is a bitter-sweet moment. I am grateful to have served my hometown and Mayor Perkins over the past two years,” said Riggs. “Working alongside the dedicated professionals at the City of Shreveport was an honor, and I am proud of everything we have accomplished. I am also excited about this next chapter with the Democratic Party.”

Applicants who wish to be considered for the Communications Director position should submit their resumes to [Africa.Price@ShreveportLa.gov](mailto:Africa.Price@ShreveportLa.gov) by January 15, 2021.

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January 6, 2020

Mayor Adrian Perkins,

I have always had a passion for politics and aspired to public service. In October of 2018, I was elated when you invited me to join your mayoral campaign as a speechwriter. When you asked me to serve in your administration as Director of Communications, it was an honor and I will be forever grateful.

The past two years have been rewarding, and I am proud of what we accomplished under your leadership. While no one foresaw a global pandemic, I believe Shreveport citizens continue to benefit from a Mayor who takes the pandemic seriously, listens to the science, and puts our community's health and well-being ahead of politics. Despite these challenges, the City of Shreveport is fiscally stronger than at any point in over two decades.

I am grateful for the opportunities you have afforded me and even more grateful to have served alongside someone so deeply committed to the people and the community they serve, which makes tendering my resignation difficult. However, as a husband and a father, I must put the interests of my family first. I accepted the position of Communications Director for the Louisiana Democratic Party. I will remain at my current post through January 29th to bring any ongoing projects to a conclusion and assist with the transition.

Thank you again for the opportunities afforded to me and I look forward to continuing to work alongside you.

Benjamin Riggs

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Riggs", with a large, stylized flourish underneath.