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April 29, 2013

W. Chris Wicker 1718 Evening Rock Court Reno, NV 89523

RE: Wicker v. Gansert;

File No. C13-07SOS

Dear Mr. Wicker:

The Secretary of State's office is in receipt above-captioned complaint, dated March 20, 2013. The Secretary of State, as the Chief Elections Officer for the State of Nevada, is responsible for enforcement of the election laws contained in Title 24 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS).

Upon consultation with the Attorney General's office, the Secretary of State's office finds that the allegations set forth in your Election Integrity Violation Report <u>do not</u> amount to a violation of NRS 294A.160 or of any statute or administrative code within Title 24. NRS 294A.160 allows a successful candidate to use unspent contributions in future elections or as contributions to other candidates for public offices. Furthermore, a review of Ms. Gansert's previously filed contributions and expenses (C&E) reports, demonstrates that she has received the necessary contributions qualifying her as a "candidate" pursuant to NRS 294A.005.

Finding no violation of NRS Chapter 294A based on Ms. Gansert's use of unspent campaign funds, the Secretary of State's office finds no reason to investigate this matter further. Our file on this matter is hereby closed. The Secretary of State's office hereby reserves the right to re-open the file upon discovery of any additional facts.

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Should you have any further questions, please contact the Elections Division at (775) 684-5705.

Respectfully,

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Deputy Secretary for Elections

cc: Heidi Gansert (c/o Joshua J. Hicks, Esq.)

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