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BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF ETHICS

August 14th, 2025

Via Electronic Mail

Ms. Eboni Thorne, Chief of Special Events
Mayor's Office of Cable and Communications
621 E. Pratt Street Suite 300
Baltimore, MD 21202
Eboni.Thorne@baltimorepolice.org

Re: Holiday on Holliday: Mayor Brandon M. Scott's Annual Tree Lighting

Dear Ms. Eboni Thorne,

At its August 13th, 2025 public meeting, the Ethics Board ("Board") approved your application to solicit donations in support of the Award Banquet. Approval is contingent on the application's endorsement by the Board of Estimates. *See* R 06.26.1(B)(2). Please refrain from soliciting donations until you have obtained that endorsement

Approval is subject to the following conditions:

- 1) *In general*. The campaign must be conducted in accordance with the standards, terms, and conditions set forth in your application and in Board Regulation 06.26.1, attached for your reference.
- 2) Of specific importance, please note that all solicitations must be directed at a broad range of potential donors, must not specifically target controlled donors, and must be conducted so as to avoid any suggestion that contributors might receive special access or favored treatment from any City agency or official. *See* R 06.26.1.
 - a. To comply with the requirements above, the Board recommends that you use uniform solicitation material that includes a written disclaimer along the following lines:
"Important: Your contribution will in no way result in special access or favored treatment from any City agency or official."

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3) Reports

- a. A Final, Cumulative Report (due within 30 days after all solicitations and receipt of all anticipated donations) must be filed with the Ethics Board on Ethics Form 627.
 - b. An Interim Report is due every six months based on your application's stated aggregate value of donations being sought ("Between \$5,000 and \$50,000"). An Interim report is due on 3/1/2026 and 9/1/2026.
- 4) *Expiration.* This approval expires determined by the board, December 15th, 2026. After that date, a new application will be required for any further solicitation efforts.

If you have any questions, please contact Ethics Board staff at ethics@baltimorecity.gov or 410-396-7986.

Sincerely,

Anetra Moore
Special Assistant, Ethics Board