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## **BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF ETHICS**

November 18th, 2024

## Via Electronic Mail

Eboni Thorne, Operations Officer I Mayor's Office of Cable and Communications 621 East Pratt Street Suite 300 Baltimore, MD 21202 eboni.thorne@baltimorecity.gov

Re: Holiday on Holliday Charitable/Governmental Gift Solicitation Waiver

Dear Eboni Thorne,

At its November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 public meeting, the Ethics Board ("Board") approved your application to solicit donations in support of Baltimore Main Streets. 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."

## 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.
- 4) *Expiration*. This approval expires on the date set forth in your application, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024. 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 <a href="mailto:ethics@baltimorecity.gov">ethics@baltimorecity.gov</a> or 410-396-7986.

Sincerely,

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Ethics Officer, Ethics Board

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