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BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF ETHICS

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Via Electronic Mail

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Re: City of Baltimore Procurement Conference Charitable/Governmental Gift Solicitation Waiver

Dear Chief Freund,

At its May 8, 2024 public meeting, the Ethics Board ("Board") approved your application to solicit donations in support of the City of Baltimore Procurement Conference. 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 specially 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.
 - 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"). Interim reports are due on the following dates:
 - November 8, 2024
 - May 8, 2025
 - November 8, 2025

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- 4) *Expiration.* This approval expires on the date set forth in your application, January 1, 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,

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Special Assistant, Ethics Board