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BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF ETHICS

June 13, 2024

Via Electronic Mail

Nicole Green, Deputy Director of Administration
Department of Recreation and Parks
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Re: AFRAM Festival Governmental/Charitable Gift Solicitation Waiver

Dear Director Green,

At its June 12, 2024 public meeting, the Ethics Board (“Board”) approved your application to solicit donations in support of the AFRAM Festival. Approval is contingent on the application’s endorsement by the Board of Estimates. See R 06.26.1(B)(2). 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.
 - b. An Interim Report will be due every 3 months, based on your application’s stated aggregated value of donations being sought (“Between \$150,000 and \$500,000”). Interim reports are due on the following dates:
 - September 12, 2024
 - December 12, 2024
 - March 12, 2025
 - June 12, 2025
 - September 12, 2025
 - December 12, 2025

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- March 12, 2026
- June 12, 2026

- September 12, 2026

- December 12, 2026
- March 12, 2027

4) *Expiration.* This approval expires on the date set forth in your application, June 1, 2027. After that date, a new application will be required for any further solicitation efforts.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely,

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Special Assistant, Ethics Board