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BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF ETHICS

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Via Electronic Mail

Alexandra Smith, Chief of Partnerships and Philanthropic Strategy
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Re: Francis Scott Key Bridge Collapse Response Efforts Charitable/Governmental Gift Solicitation Waiver

Dear Chief Smith,

At its April 10, 2024, public meeting, the Ethics Board ("Board") approved your application to solicit and accept donations in support of the Francis Scott Key Bridge Collapse Response Efforts. 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.

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- b. An Interim Report is due every three months based on your application's stated aggregate value of donations being sought ("500,000 or more"). An Interim report is due on July 10, 2024, October 10, 2024, and January 10, 2025.

Expiration. This approval expires on the date set forth in your application, April 1, 2025. 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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Nayshonn Bond,
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