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Subject: *FINAL GUIDANCE on Bicentennial Gifts
Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 6:29:32 PM

Good Afternoon Council Members and ECAs,

Thank you again to all who reached out for guidance regarding Bicentennial gifts that appeared in your offices and mailboxes last week. Here is the final information regarding each gift and how to handle each.

Gifts from the City (You can accept a gift from the City of any amount, but must report if it's over \$100)

1. **Commemorative Gift Bags:** The gift bags containing Bicentennial merchandise were part of the City's sponsorship of the Bicentennial events. These were delivered specifically for Council Members by the Department of Sports and Entertainment.
 - a. If you do not wish to accept, please let Mr. Chandler Fussell know and he will arrange for pickup.
 - b. If you want to keep them or give them away, report on your Form 9 Quarterly Gift Disclosure as a \$120 gift from the City received Thursday, June 9.
2. **City VIP section tickets for Saturday's concert:** The City had 100 VIP tickets to the concert Saturday for open air seats on stage left. These were distributed by the Mayor's Office. If you received any of these tickets, the value for two City VIP passes was under \$100. No need to return or report.

Gift from the Jacksonville Historical Society (subject to \$100 gift limit). These appeared in your mailboxes last week in envelopes with each Council Member's name:

1. **Kickoff Party Tickets:** The cost for each ticket was just over \$13. If you used 1-2 tickets for the Kickoff Party, no need to report or pay down.
2. **1822 VIP Wristbands:** The value for each was \$101.
 - a. If you accepted 1 VIP wristband, you need to pay back \$1, and if you accepted 2 wristbands; you need to pay back \$102 within 90 days of receiving the Wristbands. Checks should be made out to the Jacksonville Historical Society and mailed to 314 Palmetto Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202.
 - b. If you do not wish to accept the 1822 Wristbands (and/or the Kickoff Party Tickets), please return to the Jacksonville Historical Society by emailing Kate Hallock at communications@jaxhistory.org. She will tell you how to proceed with returning wristbands and/or tickets.

Those returning tickets or wristbands to the Historical Society: Please note it has come to our

attention that some of you, upon emailing the Jacksonville Historical Society to return the Kickoff Party tickets and wristbands were told by the Historical Society to cut up the tickets and wristbands, which you have done as directed. Others, upon emailing the Historical Society, are being told to return them to the Council receptionist where they will be picked up by the Historical Society. It is acceptable for you to return the tickets and wristbands either way so long as you have advised the Historical Society that you are returning them and have an email or some evidence that shows you are following their return instructions. This has been verified with the State Ethics Commission.

I hope this final email answers everyone's questions but please let us know if there is anything else we can do to assist.

Sincerest thanks,
Andrea

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Subject: RE: *IMPORTANT. Tickets to the 1822 tent Saturday night; Cost to you: \$400

Good Afternoon,

We have just received documentation of the charitable deduction part of the 1822 wristband.

The total cost for the ticket is \$200; \$99 of this is a charitable contribution and is not included in your valuation of the gift.

So, if you use one wristband: \$200 minus \$99=\$101. You can accept a gift of up to \$100, so you have to pay the gift down to the Historical Society in the amount of \$1.

If you use 2 wristbands, the gift is \$400 minus \$198 charitable deduction, or \$202 value of the gift; you can accept \$100, so you have to pay the gift down by \$102 to the Historical Society.

To pay down the cost of wristbands, please write a check to the Historical Society. Again, checks can be dropped off at the JHS booth in James Weldon Park, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, or mailed to them at 314 Palmetto Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

If you wish to return the 1822 Wristbands please contact Kate Hallock at communications@jaxhistory.org. She will tell you how to proceed with the return.

Finally, if you are returning the gift bag of bicentennial merchandise, please reach out to Chandler Fussell, Director of Sports and Entertainment. He will arrange for someone to pick it up from you.

Please let us know if there is anything else we can do to assist.

Warm regards,
Andrea

Hello again,

ADDITIONAL NOTE!

The VIP wristbands for the 1822 tent have a face value of \$200 each. However, we were just informed that part of the \$200 might be considered a charitable donation. If so, and the Historical Society can provide documentation, this part is not considered a gift to you.

As soon as we receive documentation on the amount of the ticket that is a pure charitable deduction, we will let you know. This may reduce the amount that you would have to pay back to the Historical Society if you decide to accept the wristbands.

For example, if \$75 of the \$200 wristband value is for a charitable contribution, then if you take 2 tickets/wristbands, the value of your gift is \$250 and you have to pay back \$150 instead of \$300.

We are waiting to get this information from the Historical Society and will forward that to you ASAP so you can decide if you want to use the wristbands or send them back.

Please let us know if you have any other questions or concerns.

Warm regards,
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Hello again,

Here is additional information on the gifts that have been distributed for this weekend's events for the Bicentennial. If you accept 1822 wristbands for Saturday's concert they must be paid down to under \$100. Details below.

SATURDAY. The Concert

There are 2 VIP sections for you to sit:

1. The VIP area, which just includes the outside seat—no food, no drinks, no tent. If you have a ticket for this, it comes from the City as part of its sponsorship of the event.
You can accept this gift from the City. It is under \$100 and not reported.
2. **The 1822 VIP area.** This is a tent and includes covered seating, bar/drinks, food, meeting with artists. You may have received a wristband to get you into this tent. The value of each wristband is \$200; if you use 2 wristbands, the value of the gift is \$400 and because the Historical Society receives funding from the City, you cannot accept a gift from them over \$100. So if you use 2 wristbands, for example, you have received an illegal gift unless you pay it down to under \$100. You can either return the wristbands or pay the Historical Society for the cost (minus \$100). See below for how to make payment.

TO PAY FOR YOUR TICKETS:

Council members and the DIA Board members and City employees accepting the 1822 wristbands may write a check payable to Jacksonville Historical Society. Checks can be dropped off at the JHS booth in James Weldon Park, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, or mailed to us at 314 Palmetto Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

All the best,
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Subject: Guidance for Bicentennial Gifts

Good Afternoon Council Members and ECAs,

We have heard from several of you regarding questions about gifts related to the City's Bicentennial celebration. We want to provide you some immediate answers to your questions while we continue to work on some of the details needed for your quarterly gift disclosures. We will be sending out a final email once all of the values are confirmed for the items listed below.

Allowable Gifts from the City (this means you can accept a gift from the City of any amount, but must report it if it's over \$100)

1. **Commemorative merchandise packages:** If you accept them, report on Quarterly Form 9 Gift Disclosure as a \$120 gift from the City.
2. **VIP tickets for Saturday's concert:** We will let you know when we confirm the value whether these tickets need to be reported on the Form 9 Quarterly Gift Disclosure.

If you do not wish to accept any of these gifts from the City, let Chandler Fussell, Chief of Sports and Entertainment, know and he will have them picked up.

Gift from the Jacksonville Historical Society

1. **Kickoff Party Tickets:** At this time, we believe the cost per ticket may be under \$100, but we are still working to verify the final value. Once the value is determined, we will let you know if there is any need to pay it down.

If you do not wish to accept this gift, please return to the Jacksonville Historical Society.

Please be alert that if any other gifts are offered to you related to the Bicentennial events this week, we encourage you to check the value and who is giving it to you before you accept it. Feel free to call us if you have any questions.

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