



# MONTGOMERY COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDER

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<b>Subject</b> Employee Solicitation Waiver	<b>Executive Order No.</b> 161-19	<b>Subject Suffix</b>
<b>Originating Department</b> Police Department	<b>Department No.</b>	<b>Effective Date</b> 8/26/19

## SOLICITATION OF GIFTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Pursuant to § 19A-16(b)(3) of the Montgomery County Public Ethics Law, the Chief of Police is authorized to designate employees assigned to the Police Department to solicit gifts for the benefit of Hope Connections Cancer Support, a nonprofit organization which provides emotional, physical, and social support to individuals and families affected by cancer, in accordance with the requirements established by this Executive Order. National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is in October.

### Background

Hope Connections Cancer Support operates a Metastatic Breast Cancer Support Group, which is one of their largest support groups and is comprised of both women and men. This group meets bi-monthly in Bethesda.

The Police Department will raise funds for Hope Connections Cancer Support through the sale of police badges that have pink elements. Collinson Enterprises will produce two types of badges. The first badge is a full-sized badge that could be purchased by active and retired County officers. The second badge would be a 1" version which would also be available to civilian employees of the department. Officers and civilians can purchase the badges directly from Collinson. Each badge has an added surcharge. Collinson will transmit the surcharge to the Department, which will donate it to Hope Connections for Cancer Support.

This Executive Order authorizes Collinson to make use of the County police badge for the sole purpose of producing and selling full size and 1" replicas with pink elements between the effective date of this order and October 31, 2019. Collinson has assured the Police Department that it is selling these badges at cost.

### Employees authorized to solicit gifts

Any employee designated by the Chief of Police may contact potential donors/purchasers directly.

### Purpose of the Gifts

The purpose of the gifts is to benefit Hope Connections Cancer Support.



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## **Manner of Solicitation**

The Police Chief must authorize all solicitations. A public employee authorized to solicit a gift under this Order may participate in presentations, conduct general solicitations through mailings, participate in media activities, or meet personally with potential donors/purchasers. An authorized public employee may solicit gifts/purchases during official work hours, while identifiable as a public employee, but must not solicit any individual or entity that has a contract with the Police Department or any other County agency with which the employee is affiliated. An authorized public employee must not solicit any individual or entity that is party to a complaint pending before the Police Department.

## **Source of Gifts**

Designated employees may solicit gifts/purchases from any individual or entity, including associations, businesses, corporations, foundations, service organizations, chambers of commerce, community groups, religious organizations, and other government agencies.

## **Types of Gifts**

Gifts may include monetary contributions, goods and services, technical assistance, training space, furniture or equipment cost.

## **Manner of Acceptance of Gifts**

Unless the donor makes a written request that there be no public acknowledgement of the gift, the Police Chief may publicly acknowledge each gift by placing a notice in the Montgomery County Register indicating the gift donated, the identity of the donor, the identity of the recipient of the gift, and the purpose for which the gift will be used. The Police Chief may issue a press release, if desired.

The Police Chief must notify the Office of the County Executive of all gifts received. The Police Chief may fulfill this requirement by submitting a request for placement of a notice in the Montgomery County Register as outlined above.

## **Term**

This Executive Order expires on October 31, 2019.



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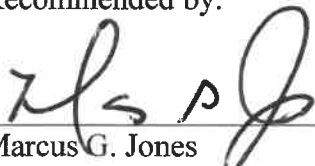
This Executive Order is issued under the Authority of § 19A-16(b)(3) of the Montgomery County Public Ethics Law and Ethics Commission waiver dated April, 6, 1990.

Approved:

  
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Marc Elrich, County Executive

8/27/19  
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Date

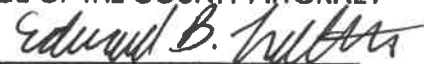
Recommended by:

  
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Marcus G. Jones  
Acting Chief of Police

August 26, 2019  
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Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

BY: 

DATE: 8/27/19