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Subject: Commissioner Harkey - Ideas We Should Steal Festival Dec 14-16, 2022

Hi Steve,

Commissioner Harkey was invited by Roxanne Patel Shepelavy, Executive Editor/Co-Executive Director of The Philadelphia Citizen, to speak at their 5th annual *Ideas We Should Steal Festival* taking place Dec 14-15, 2022. The Philadelphia Citizen is a civic-minded media organization that combines solutions-based journalism and events with calls to civic action as a way to amplify good citizenship in Philadelphia. The festival celebrates ideas, changemakers, and innovators who are transforming cities, and they asked that the commissioner speak about our Arts77 Program and how it is embedding art in every neighborhood in our city; they will also discuss how to solve related problems.

They have offered to pay for airfare and the 2-night hotel stay. The commissioner will not be compensated for this speaking engagement.

Please let us know if this is approved.

Thank you,
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