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Mr. Rick Brundrett
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Dear Rick,

You have requested "to inspect the [Governor's Mansion F]oundation's IRS Forms 990 and/or 990EZ, from calendar years 2011 through 2014." Please be advised that the requested records are available to the public as follows:

With regard to 2012 and 2013, the Foundation's Forms 990 are available online at no cost at GuideStar.org. The United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS) directs individuals seeking Forms 990 to GuideStar.org, a privately funded database of nonprofit organizations (referencing www.irs.gov/uac/Routine-Access-to-IRS-Records). To access records on GuideStar, a user must register but need not pay a fee.

With regard to 2011, the Foundation's Form 990 is available upon request from the South Carolina Secretary of State's Office (SOS). In years where nonprofits are not required to file Forms 990 or 990EZ with the IRS, nonprofits may file a postcard return with the IRS as was the case for the Foundation in 2011. Therefore, neither the IRS nor GuideStar would possess the requested forms. Nevertheless, all nonprofits must file an annual financial reporting to the SOS, which can be in the form of a Form 990 or 990EZ. Therefore, for the year 2011, the SOS would possess records from the Foundation equivalent to the Form 990 or 990EZ, which may be requested from the SOS's office.

With regard to 2014, a Form 990 or 990EZ from the Foundation is not yet available. Be advised that the deadline for filing has not passed, and the Foundation is still preparing to file.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Swati S. Patel".

Swati S. Patel
Chief Legal Counsel

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