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Dear Mr. Christopher,

Please accept the following in response to your August 11, 2025 letter addressed to "My Fellow Parade Volunteers" that we and many others received.

We trust that this response will cause you to better appreciate the realities of the Federation, its lawful Administration, and most importantly, the fully and universally approved 2026 Parade Committee and its Chairman, so that you will refrain from repeating your wholly improper, inaccurate and schismatic correspondence in the future.

Your extraordinary efforts in support of The Greek Independence Day Parade and its associated events have been well noted by all concerned, however please be reminded that the Federation of Hellenic Societies of Greater New York, Inc., has been and continues to be the official and singular Host and Organizer of our Historic Parade since 1938 and since the Parade first stepped on 5th Avenue over 70 years ago.

As you well know, weeks after the close of our 2025 Parade and its surrounding events, the Federation's Board and its General Assembly unanimously, universally and publicly, thanked you for your service as our 2025 Parade Chairman, which position you were elected to and fully supported by the Board. At that very same recent General Assembly, we elected Lou Katsos as our Parade Chairman for the 2026 Parade, which election was similarly universally and wholeheartedly adopted by and the entire Organized Hellenic Community. Since the Federation's election of Mr. Katsos, he has called and held numerous meetings across the Federation's spectrum of supporters, and all have agreed to work zealously and patriotically in support of his unifying vision for an ever-successful 2026 Parade and related Events. Moreover, as part of his unifying vision, Mr. Katsos has asked all our Community's leaders to populate all key Parade Committees, which is something that we will endeavor to do.

Upon your earlier election as Parade Chairman, the Parade Committee was given the limited authority to responsibly use the pre-existing Parade Bank account monies to fund Parade expenses and events and to deposit all donations made to the Federation's Parade and related events. This Board is well aware of our Community's financial support and has remained current with our tax filing obligations for all known Federation Income and Expenses, including all Parades' to date, which figures we have presented to our Accountant for filing with the appropriate tax authorities. Although the 2025 Parade ended well over 90 days ago, your letter notes that you are still working on your Final Financial Report. As we trust you are aware, our By-Laws mandate that all Committees present their final Financial Report to the Board within 60 days of the Event. Accordingly, per your own admission, you are currently well beyond the appropriate time-frame. Nevertheless, your expedited presentation of your detailed Financial Report would be appreciated, as same is

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required for our tax 2025 filings and for full transparency for our Board, our Members and Supporters.

Notwithstanding the tone of your letter, as noted above, we fully appreciate our tax filing obligations and await a much more (event by event) detailed review of the 2025 Parade's Income and Expense Statement from you so we can include this information in our tax filings and perhaps learn and improve from past events. We have and will continue to respect, protect and preserve our hard-earned tax status and every dollar from our donors, so kindly refrain from further creating the appearance of issues where there are none to our knowledge.

Moving forward, should anyone communicate with you regarding the 2026 Parade, kindly advise them to make any inquiry directly to the Federation at our above noted contact information, or directly to our 2026 Parade Chairman, Lou Katsos at: lkatsos@jekmarassoc.com.

In the end, please be aware that all monies in the Parade's and all other Federation bank accounts, opened under our Tax ID, belong exclusively to the Federation and are the responsibility of its Board and not any "Committee" that was formed under the Federation's auspices. This Board's Members are legally accountable for all Federation Finances and are well capable of safeguarding all these funds which presupposes your transparency and accurate Parade Committee Financial Report. Accordingly, you are on notice not to interfere with the smooth financial transition of the Federation's Parade Bank accounts, which smooth transition you were afforded upon your earlier election as Parade Chairman. Historically, all past Parade Chairpersons have supported the Chair that followed them. We trust you will respect this longstanding protocol and work with our new Parade Chairman and the Committee that he has and will continue to form with our support, and as always, under our required supervision.

With respect to the lingering Federation litigation, please know that we continue to work with all concerned to resolve, in a just manner, whatever issues remain. Nevertheless, kindly refrain from continuing with your divisive and wrongly placed rhetoric that, as we trust you are aware, has lately not been helpful and serves anti-Federation purposes that sadly you appear to support.

Lastly, you are to refrain from any further use the Federation's Letterhead and Seal in any capacity without our written consent. You have never had any authority to do so, but out of respect for your past service, we turned an eye to this, but you have clearly pushed this discretion too far with your absolutely unilateral and self-serving actions and unauthorized letters that purport to represent the Federation's position, which they certainly do not.

We regret the tone of this letter, but you have gone too far with your belief that the Federation's Parade Committee and its finances are somehow perpetually under your control and that you can unilaterally guide us to "Federation Unity" with ultimately corrosive "meetings and elections" that you alone have called for in defiance of our By-Laws. We

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regret to advise you that since your tenure as Parade Chairman, which separate and apart we appreciate, you have nevertheless been far more divisive than inclusive with your "unity efforts". Notwithstanding all the above, your tenure as Parade Chairman has now ended by unanimous and universal acclimation. Again, we thank you for your services, so please show us just a bit of the great respect that we have shown you over the past three years by aiding in the smooth Parade Committee transition, with the same respect and dignity shown to you by this Board and by your Parade Chairmen predecessors.

Very truly yours,

Demos Siokis
President

Christina Kostakis
General Secretary

cc: 2025 Parade Committee

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