

PARTICIPATION POLICY STATEMENT FOR THE PLYMOUTH CIVIC LEAGUE

Annually, the Plymouth Civic League receives requests from various clubs, groups and organizations to participate in varying degrees in the Music in Plymouth program. This policy has been drafted to help Board members communicate to these organizations the position of the Board of Directors with regard to various forms of participation by outside groups.

NON PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

The Board of Directors of the Plymouth Civic League will allow a limited number of non-profit civic organizations to participate in the annual Music in Plymouth event. Written requests for participation outlining the nature of the program must be received by the Civic League Board of Directors no later than March 1 of each calendar year. As a general rule, programs that are safe, litter free and of a minimal cost or free to the public will be looked upon favorably by the Board of Directors.

FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

In addition, for-profit organizations annually participate in the Music in Plymouth event and contribute a portion of their gross earnings. These organizations can take the form of food vending (donuts, pizza, etc.) or non-food vending (glow necklaces, for example). Therefore, the PCL does not allow the distribution of food, beverages, or non-food items beyond the personal use of the individuals or individuals in their immediate party. Proposals must be received in writing from each organization by March 1 for review by the committee and Board of Directors of the Plymouth Civic League. The Plymouth Civic League reserves the right to limit participation and will grant acceptance based on the merits of the proposal submitted.

The Plymouth Civic League acknowledges business and individual contributions to the Civic League in the official 'program' of the event, recognizing categories of contributions. It is therefore, the policy of the Board that private companies that are guarantors of Music in Plymouth may promote their company's products or services by using helium balloons imprinted with Music in Plymouth and the company name or logo subject to Board approval. The Board will consider on an individual basis other non-litter producing give-away items, which they deem would enhance Music in Plymouth. All requests for balloons or other items must be submitted in writing to the Board by March 1 of each calendar year. At the Golden Guarantor level (\$2500.00) and above private companies/ organizations will be allowed to have an on site presence at Music in Plymouth and advertise with a give away as described above at Music in Plymouth. (strike 'at Music in Plymouth' in previous sentence) There are a limited amount of 8x8'spaces available on a rotating basis for the on site presence during MIP. Cash

contributions may be considered by the Board to be specifically earmarked for Civic League sponsored projects.

POLITICAL CANDIDATES

Political candidates are welcome to attend the annual Music in Plymouth event with the understanding that they are citizen participants with no official capacity in the event and any campaigning is to be unobtrusive, litter-free, and low-key in nature. Candidates and their campaign teams must keep in mind that the audience is there to participate in the musical program, and candidates are, therefore encouraged to conduct themselves in a manner which does not detract from the musical entertainment.

Officials that have been elected to represent all or a portion of the citizens of Plymouth and are current office holders will be allowed to stand on stage during introductions prior to the program. As the City of Plymouth is the co-presenter of Music in Plymouth, the PCL president will introduce the Plymouth City Council and Mayor only. The mayor will be allowed to make brief comments. The PCL recognizes the hard work and dedication of elected officials, but due to time constraints and the purpose and scope of this event, only the mayor and council will be individually introduced. All other elected officials will be introduced en masse, not named individually.

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