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Councilor Lourdes Barroso de Padilla Councilmember, City of Columbus

Dear Councilor Barroso de Padilla,

On behalf of the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF), we invite you to participate in the AIEF Israel Seminar for Florida Leaders, sponsored by the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF). The trip will depart on Saturday, **July 8, 2023**, and return Sunday, **July 16, 2023**. Participants will include political and community leaders who seek to gain an in-depth understanding of modern Israel and the U.S.-Israel relationship.

This seminar will delve into some of the most exciting and vexing issues facing Israel and the region, among them: the opportunities presented by recent peace agreements between Israel and a number of Arab states; the current prospects for peace between Israel and the Palestinians; the security threats confronting Israel on its Northern and Southern borders; and the threat posed by a nuclear Iran. The program will also include visits to historic and religious sites in Jerusalem and the Galilee. Participants will hear a wide array of viewpoints, including discussions with: members of the Israeli Knesset and the Palestinian Authority; military leaders; heads of non-governmental organizations; and prominent academics and journalists. Throughout the week you will experience firsthand the diversity of Israeli culture, politics, and society.

If you are an elected or appointed government official, a government employee, or otherwise subject to local, state or federal ethics rules, we want to ensure that your participation complies with applicable ethics rules. Please consider this invitation conditional upon your obtaining written confirmation from your ethics authority and/or advisor, on official letterhead, that you may participate in this educational seminar in Israel. Of course, we will be happy to answer any inquiries from you or any applicable ethics authority necessary to secure participation in this trip.

We hope that you will be able to join us on what promises to be a rich, insightful, and educational trip. To confirm your participation, please complete the <u>Participant</u> <u>Confirmation Form</u> by no later than May 25, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact Karl Douglass at kdouglass@aipac.org, or (470) 385-8259, or Brigid Moynihan at bmoynihan@aiefdn.org or (202)765-5677.

Sincerely,

Richard Fishman
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