Board Service Commitment Pledge Cary Crime Stoppers, Inc.

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, recognizing the important responsibility I am undertaking in serving the Board of Directors of Cary Crime Stoppers, Inc., hereby pledge to carry out in a trustworthy and diligent manner the duties and obligations in my role as a board member. I acknowledge my primary role as a board member is to (1) contribute to the defining organization’s mission and governing the fulfillment of that mission, and (2) to carry out the functions of the office of board member and/or officer as stated in the bylaws.

**I pledge:**

1. My attendance at all meetings of the board and committee on which I serve, unless I notify the board of a legitimate absence within 24 hours of the meeting date, or in the case of an emergency that warrants my absence.
2. To come prepared to discuss the issues and business addressed at scheduled meetings, having read the agenda and all background material prior to attending the meeting.
3. To work with and respect the opinions of my peers who serve this board, and to leave my personal prejudices out of all board discussions.
4. To always act for the good of the organization, not for personal gain and/or recognition, and represent the interests of all people served by Cary Crime Stoppers.
5. To represent Cary Crime Stoppers in a positive and supportive manner at all times and not disparage the image and/or mission of the organization in any manner.
6. To observe parliamentary procedures and display courteous conduct in all board, committee and task force meetings.
7. To avoid conflict of interest between my position as a board member and my personal life. This includes using my position for the advantage of my friends and business associates. If such conflicts do arise, I will declare that conflict before the board and refrain from voting on matters in which I have conflict.
8. To declare any legal or illegal actions and/or activity to the board, which may or may not warrant law enforcement involvement, and could adversely affect Cary Crime Stoppers and its mission.
9. To support in a positive manner all actions taken by the board of directors collectively even when I am in a minority position on such actions.
10. To foster positive relationships with other members on the board and to avoid detrimental behavior and conflict that negatively affects the board and the mission of Cary Crime Stoppers.
11. To participate in at a minimum, 50% of Cary Crime Stoppers’ fundraising activities, events, ambassadorships, and any other special projects as set forth/delegated by the board of directors.
12. To participate in board development workshops, trainings, seminars, strategic planning events, and any other educational events that enhance my skills as a board member.
13. To keep confidential information confidential.
14. To sign a Confidentiality Disclosure Form and an annual Conflict of Interest Form.
15. To never exercise my authority as a board member except when acting in a meeting with the full board or as I am delegated by the board.

**If, for any reason, I find myself unable to carry out the above duties as best as I can, I agree to resign my position as a board member/officer.**

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