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FYI.... (For the record, my agreement was not that he should charge for the seats)

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Hi Mark,

I spoke with Suzanne Stratton and Regent Hensley about the remaining seats for the inaugural event at Old Capitol (total capacity of approximately 110 people).

At this point we expect 10–30 seats will still be available after confirmed VIPs and invitees. Both Suzanne and Regent Hensley agree it would be valuable to open these to the public, but we want to minimize the risk of disruption.

I see three realistic options:

1. First-come, first-served with no charge. This is simple, but it has the highest risk of activists filling the room.
2. Require a modest registration fee (e.g., \$10–\$20). This strongly discourages bad-faith attendees and signals commitment; proceeds can benefit the Center.
3. Suggested donation (no strict requirement). This is the middle ground option, but less effective at filtering.

Suzanne is checking the logistical and ticketing implications of options 2 and 3. Regent Hensley is supportive of opening the seats and leans toward a small fee.

Could you let me know as soon as possible (ideally today) if you have any concerns or a

preferred option? Once we have your green light, we'll move quickly so we can inform the press and open registration.

Thank you.

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