

July 11, 2025

To: All Council Chartered Scouting Units
Subject: Unit Bank Account Transition to Republic Bank

Dear Unit Leaders,

As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance financial transparency, provide stronger support to our units, and ensure alignment with current fiscal policies, the Council has partnered with **Republic Bank** as the official financial institution for all council-chartered (council-sponsored) Scouting units.

Effective December 1, 2025, all council-sponsored units will be required to transition their unit accounts to Republic Bank.

This move offers several key benefits:

- **Improved financial oversight** to ensure consistent and secure accounting practices across all units.
- **Compliance with Florida state non-profit regulations**, including the use of the correct Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) tied to the Greater Tampa Bay Area Council.
- **Simplified reporting** and access to banking tools tailored to nonprofit and youth-serving organizations.
- **Direct support and services** from Republic Bank representatives who understand the needs of Scouting units.
- **Streamlined transitions** in leadership with authorized signer updates and account management.

We understand that transitioning banks may be an adjustment, and we are committed to making this process as smooth as possible. We will be holding a mandatory information meeting on **July 23, 2025, at 7PM via Zoom**. You will be emailed the meeting link. Our council team is available to assist units with account setup, transferring funds, and managing documentation. *Only Council-chartered units that have Republic Bank as their financial institution will be renewed for 2026.*

If your unit prefers to continue using a financial institution other than Republic Bank, **you will need to secure a new chartering organization** that agrees to take on the financial responsibility and oversight for the unit. This decision must be finalized before the transition deadline.

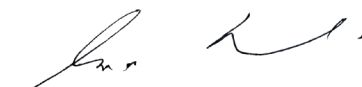
Our goal is to ensure strong, consistent financial practices that protect the integrity of our program and the resources entrusted to us. We appreciate your cooperation.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the transition process, please contact **Donna Wentzler** at **813.872.2691** or **donna.wentzler@scouting.org**

Yours in Scouting,



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