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INQ 11-32

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2011 1:42 PM
To: 'David M. Wolpin'
Subject: RE: County Ethics Code Question

Hi David:

As you know, County law has no such exception. However, our office has consistently held that reasonable travel and transportation expenses related to official government business are not considered gifts and do not have to be reported. Therefore, the city council member who was attending an Executive Committee Installation dinner as the city's representative to the Miami-Dade League of Cities and spent one night at the hotel where the event was held did not receive a gift.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss, please contact me at your convenience.

Thanks,

Robert

From: David M. Wolpin [mailto:DWolpin@wsh-law.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2011 10:37 AM
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Hi Robert- would you agree that a city council member who very recently received a one night stay at a hotel at a value of approximately \$195 from the Miami- Dade County League of Cities, Inc. (the " League"), for attendance at an Executive Committee(the " Committee") Installation dinner event of the League held at that hotel facility and for convenience in performance of his initial duties on that Committee, would **not** be required to file Gift Disclosure for that lodging under Sec. 2-11.1(e) of the County Ethics Code. Interestingly, Section 112.312 (12(b) (8), F.S., excludes that type of item from the State Gift Law's (Sec. 112. 3148, F. S.) definition of " Gift" when provided by an entity such as the League .

Please advise us of your staff opinion.

Thank you



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