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Linda Miller, Town Attorney for the Town of Surfside, inquired on behalf of Surfside Mayor, Daniel Dietch, regarding whether it would be appropriate for Mayor Dietch to accept and beverage in connection with an event in which he was participating at University of Miami. The event involves a panel discussion on climate change. The sponsoring entity is Pugh Charitable Trust, which is a state lobbyist, but, according to Ms. Miller, not a lobbyist in Surfside. I advised Ms. Miller that there would be no prohibition under state law, F.S. 112-3148, where the entity is not a lobbyist in Surfside. Also, there would be not prohibition against it under Section 2-11.1(e), where the gratuity is unconnected to any decision the Mayor may be making. There is also no prohibition under Section 2-11.1(w) since the entity is not a Surfside contractor or service provider and also because there is no travel involved outside of Miami-Dade County and contiguous counties. If the amount of the benefit exceeds \$100, the Mayor should report it, but Ms. Miller advised that it was highly unlikely that the benefit would amount to that much.

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