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Gerald:

You have inquired concerning the acceptance by the Mayor and members of the Miami-Dade County Commission of a complimentary lunch offered by AT&T, a County vendor, at today's press conference event held with the Governor to advise the public concerning the upcoming threat of Hurricane Irma. There is no prohibition in Section 2-11.1(e) of the Ethics Code against acceptance of the unsolicited complimentary lunch under these circumstances. Although we often advise caution on the part of officials in connection with the receipt of any gift offered by a County vendor, it is clear that there is no County action anticipated by the donor, particularly in view of its close working relationship with the County in connection with the storm preparations, as well as the precipitous nature of the event's scheduling. Based on the description you have given concerning the modest arrangements for the lunch, it is not expected that the per person value of the lunch will approach \$100, and, therefore, it will not need to be disclosed by the recipients as a gift.

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