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Subject: RE: Ethics Luncheon

Thanks. On this new travel expense provision. I do not recall it being distributed to the cities prior to adoption in accordance with the normal procedure. Further, perhaps it should not be construed to prohibit a vendor from providing travel expense funds directly to the County or City entity, rather than to an officer or employee. Do you agree?

Further, it may be that it was not intended to apply to cities, and thus advance notice was not given. While references to County personnel may be converted to municipal personnel under Sec. 2-11.1 (a), it may require further ordinance text in order to convert a reference to a county vendor to a municipal vendor.

Kindly discuss this with Robert and advise us of your thoughts and guidance on this. Thank you. -----Original Message-----

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Enjoy your weekend.
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