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Frank Schnidman, J.D., LL.M., inquired concerning whether the Coconut Grove Village Council is subject to the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance, pursuant to Section 2-11.1(b) of the Code. The Village Council is an elected body for the Coconut Grove area of the City of Miami. The Village Council shares City office space. Its members are elected by the public, and the elections for the Village Council are conducted through the City, in that the candidates appear on City ballots during City elections. Members of the board often appear before the City Commission and other official bodies, and act as representatives of the citizens in the Coconut Grove area on public issues. However, the Council itself is a private legal entity which was not established by the City of Miami and holds no official delegated authority to make decisions or to act as an advisory board on behalf of the City or the City Commission. Accordingly, I advised Mr. Schnidman that it could not be considered as autonomous, quasi-judicial or advisory board of the City of Miami under Section 2-11.1(b) of the Code. As a non-governmental entity, the Coconut Grove Village Council is not subject to the County Ethics Code.

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