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Hans Ottinot, City Attorney for the City of Sunny Isles Beach, inquired regarding whether it would be necessary for city officials to report as gifts the payment by the city for tables at a fundraiser for a non-profit group that is also a testimonial dinner for outgoing Sunny Isles Beach Mayor Norman Edelcup. The cost of individual tickets to the fundraiser/testimonial is \$200. Since the event does not involve an official public event, nor are the officials appearing in their official capacities to perform any official duties, but rather it is being sponsored by a private non-profit organization; and because the city has elected to purchase tickets that will inure to the benefit primarily of the private non-profit group, which tickets are valued over \$100 and are being provided by the city on a complimentary basis to certain city officials; I expressed to Mr. Ottinot my opinion that the officials who accept the complimentary tickets should report them on their annual disclosure forms as gifts pursuant to Section 2-11.1(e)(4) of the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance.

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