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**Subject:** INQ - Marie Perikles, Staff Attorney, OIG

Marie Perikles inquired regarding whether any ethical issues were raised under Section 2-11.1(e) of the County Ethics Code for an employee of OIG to stay in a hotel room with her husband in Tallahassee, where the husband is employed by a non-profit that receives funding from the county, and the husband's employer is paying for the hotel room. The OIG employee will pay for her own transportation and expenses to Tallahassee and will stay in the hotel room with her husband on her own personal time. I informed that since the non-profit had paid in full already for the husband and was incurring no additional expense, the hotel stay did not constitute a gift from the non-profit to the OIG employee, but rather a gift from the husband to the wife employee, which gift is exempted from the gift ordinance pursuant to Section 2-11.1(e)(2)(b). Accordingly, no ethical issues or reporting issues are raised by the gift.

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