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## Phillip Ford Travel to Dallas March 2022

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Dear Mr. Antonio,

I am in receipt of the travel documents regarding Mr. Phillip Ford's trip to Dallas on March 13, 2022 for a "P-3 Conference."

This trip was completely unnecessary since the former City Manager's failed plan to develop a City Park using a "public private partnership (P-3) deal" because neither he nor the former City "Attorney" bothered to do the proper research. Had they done their jobs, they would have discovered that it would have been illegal to do so. Considering all the other illegal and unethical things done by the former regime, this is not surprising.

That being said, according to the attached Travel Expense Report, Mr. Ford received a per diem check in the amount of \$295.50 for meals; however, he charged \$146.56 on his taxpayer-funded Purchasing Card (P-Card) for meals while on his trip, per the attached P-Card statement ending April 4, 2022.

All the remaining travel documents, including food charged on Mr. Ford's P-Card, for this trip may be viewed by clicking here: [Request Number: PRR-2023-289](#)

As you know, gaining a private benefit by using public funds is a violation of both the Miami-Dade County and State of Florida Codes of Ethics. I am hoping that the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust will review this matter, which is why I am copying the Executive Director with this email.

As the Procurement Director, Mr. Ford should know better. He is not the only employee who has done the same. I am still researching the other violations, and I will advise you of my findings.

In the meantime, I expect that Mr. Ford will reimburse the taxpayers of North Miami Beach for the per diem amount he received over and above the amount they have already paid per the P Card charges.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Stephanie Kienzle

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