



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Raul Peralez

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: 9/17/18

Approved by:

Date:

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SUBJECT: COUNCIL TRAVEL POLICY

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the staff recommendation with the modification to allow up to 5 elected members to travel at the same time, unless it knowingly affects a public meeting in which quorum is needed.

BACKGROUND

Travel for study trips, sister cities, and conferences are an important part of the work City Staff and Council do in order to learn best practices, create city-wide programs, and build relationships to affect change and policy for the betterment of our residents. However, I agree with the Mayor that we should consider the implications of travel when it affects City business. Although I believe various travel is significant to the work we do, it should not interfere with a public meeting quorum. Therefore, having up to five members of our elected body travelling should be acceptable, as long as it does not result in a cancellation of a Committee or Council meeting.