



Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Mayor Sam Liccardo

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO TRAVEL

DATE: July 22, 2019

Approved:

Date:

7/22/2019

Recommendation: Authorize travel, accept travel payments to the City of San José, and designate Mayor's staff, Shireen Santosham, as the City representative to attend the 2019 Aspen Institute Conference on Communications Policy from August 11 – August 14, 2019.

Location: Aspen, CO

Meeting Dates: August 11-14, 2019

Source of Funds: Aspen Institute

Purpose: Shireen Santosham to be designated as a City of San José representative for the 2019 Aspen Institute Conference on Communications Policy, "In Harm's Way: Smart Regulation of Digital & Network Technology." This annual conference has become one of the foremost small conference for telecommunications, media, Internet and information industry executives, government leaders, congressional staff, consumer representatives and academic thought leaders to explore cutting-edge communications. Expert participants from diverse disciplines and viewpoints exchange valuable insights, and develop innovative recommendations to address the technological, competitive, and social issues that are transforming the rapidly changing communications marketplace

Shireen is the Chief Innovation Officer on the Mayor's team and works with key staff in the City Manager's Office to further the City's Smart City and innovation initiatives. Shireen was asked to participate in this conference due to San Jose's national leadership on broadband, 5G technology, and closing the digital divide through the city's Digital Inclusion Fund.