



COUNCIL AGENDA: 10/17/2023

ITEM: 2.16

FILE NO: 23-1440

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: October 17, 2023

SUBJECT: Request for Travel Authorization for Mayor's Staff

Recommendation

As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on October 11, 2023, authorize travel, accept travel payments to the City of San José and designate Mayor's Staff, Stephen Caines, as the City representative to attend the Bloomberg CityLab event in Washington, D.C. from October 18-20, 2023. Source of Fund: the Aspen Institute, 501c3 (airfare, lodging, meals, ground transportation).

CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-010, City Organizational and Administrative Activities resulting in no changes to the physical environment. (Mayor)

[Rules Committee referral 10/11/2023 - Item B.5]



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL
SUBJECT: REQUEST TO TRAVEL

FROM: Councilmember
DATE: Mayor Matt Mahan

Approved

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matt Mahan".

Date 10/06/2023

Recommendation: Authorize travel, accept travel payments to the City of San Jose, and designate Mayor's Staff, Stephen Caines, as the City representative to attend the Bloomberg CityLab event in Washington, D.C. from October 18-20, 2023.

Location: Washington, D.C.

Meeting Dates: October 18th-20th, 2023

Source of Funds: The Aspen Institute, 501c3 (airfare, lodging, meals, ground transportation)

Purpose: Bloomberg CityLab is an annual conference dedicated to bringing together global mayors, city innovators, business leaders, urban experts, and activists to uncover replicable solutions to pressing issues. Bloomberg has long been a pillar in the civic innovation community and supports the community through grantmaking, publicity, and media creation. CityLab has historically invited Mayor's and Chief Innovation Officers from San Jose to their annual meetings.

Stephen Caines is the Chief Innovation Officer and Budget Director for the Mayor's Office. He is a lawyer and published expert on the ethics and regulation of Surveillance AI. He will speak with other civic technology leaders, elected officials, and public servants throughout the conference. He will advance the development of San Jose's AI ecosystem by continuing to build public-private partnerships. Stephen will also participate in an invitation-only workshop for Chief Innovation Officers on October 18th. San Jose benefits from attending such conferences as it unlocks opportunities for fundraising, partnerships, and establishing best practices.