



COUNCIL AGENDA: 10/24/2023

ITEM: 2.14

FILE NO: 23-1464

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: October 24, 2023

SUBJECT: Request to Travel and Excused Absence

Recommendation

As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on October 18, 2023:

(a) Authorize travel, accept travel payments to the City of San José, and designate Councilmember Torres as the City representative to attend the Reimagining the Civic Commons event in Lexington, Kentucky from October 24-26, 2023. (Source of Fund: District 3 Funds and the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy and the Knight Foundation, 501c3 nonprofits - airfare, lodging, meals, ground transportation.)

(b) Request for an excuse absence from the Regular meeting of City Council on October 24, 2023.

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

[Rules Committee referral 10/18/2023 - Item B.5]



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Omar Torres,
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SUBJECT: REQUEST TO TRAVEL
AND EXCUSED ABSENCE

DATE: 10/05/2023

Recommendation:

1. Authorize travel, accept travel payments to the City of San José, designate Councilmember Omar Torres as a City representative to attend Reimagining the Civic Commons event in Lexington, Kentucky from October 24th-26th, 2023, and excuse absence from regular meeting of City Council Meeting October 24th, 2023.

Location: Lexington, Kentucky

Meeting Dates: October 24-26,2023

Source of Funds: District 3 Funds and The Guadalupe River Park Conservancy and The Knight Foundation, 501c3 nonprofits (airfare, lodging, meals, ground transportation). District Three Funds are listed as a Source of Funds as a last resort for Transportation or if the River Park Conservancy and Knight Foundation are unable to cover airfare, lodging, means, and other sources.

Purpose: Reimagining the Civic Commons (RCC) is a national collaborative network that counts San José among its member cities. RCC serves as a platform for individuals and organizations responsible for managing, funding, and advocating for parks, public areas, and civic institutions to connect, share insights, gain access to valuable resources, and foster a collective effort to enhance local communities. To showcase the achievements of specific cities, RCC hosts various events and educational experiences known as Studios and Learning Journeys on an annual basis.

Councilmember Torres serves the residents of District Three San José and shares the Guadalupe River with the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy. It is vital that the Councilmember is equipped with the knowledge on how other civic commons are planned and created.

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By acquiring this knowledge Councilmember Torres will be able to provide a new lens to the reinvestment and enhancement process surrounding the Guadalupe River Park. At the Re-imaging the Civic Commons event, Councilmember Torres will learn about new and innovative strategies to deploy here in San José starting with the Guadalupe River Park Conservatory