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**TO:** CITY COUNCIL  
**SUBJECT:** REQUEST TO TRAVEL

**FROM:** Mayor Matt Mahan  
**DATE:** May 12, 2025

Approved: 

Date: 05/12/2025

**RECOMMENDATION:** Authorize travel, accept travel payments to the City of San José, and designate Mayor Mahan as the City representative to participate in the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative organized and funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies from July 12 – 16, 2025 in New York City, New York.

**Location:** New York City, NY

**Meeting Dates:** July 12 – 16, 2025

**Source of Funds:** Costs associated with registration, accommodation, airfare, and most meals will be paid for by Bloomberg Philanthropies, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Any remaining costs, such as ground transportation, meals not covered by Bloomberg Philanthropies, or Wi-Fi will be paid by Mayor's Office Budget.

**Purpose:**

Mayor Mahan will be joining the ninth annual cohort of the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative, joining city leaders from across the U.S. and around the world.

City leaders today face difficult challenges that require creative solutions. The Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative helps senior City officials create lasting positive change by strengthening their ability to tackle complex issues and enhance quality of life for their communities. Operated through the Bloomberg Center for Cities at Harvard University, the program provides essential leadership and management training to better serve residents. Participating city teams focus on advancing a specific priority to drive faster, more effective results. This nonpartisan initiative builds leadership, organization, and problem-solving so senior city officials can develop effective, locally tailored strategies and achieve measurable outcomes.