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**TO:** RULES AND OPEN  
GOVERNMENT  
COMMITTEE

**FROM:** Mayor Matt Mahan

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST TO TRAVEL

**DATE:** June 2, 2025

**Approved:**

Date: 06/02/2025

**Recommendation:** Authorize travel, accept travel payments to the City of San José, and designate Mayor's staff member, Jessica Barriga, as the City's representative to attend the Reimagining the Civic Commons Learning Journey in St. Paul, Minnesota.

**Location:** St. Paul, Minnesota

**Meeting Dates:** July 10-12, 2025

**Source of Funds:** Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

**Purpose:** Designate Jessica Barriga, Economic Development Policy Advisor in the Mayor's Office, as the City of San José's representative at the Reimagining the Civic Commons Learning Journey in St. Paul, Minnesota. Jessica works with key staff and community stakeholders to strengthen San José's economic vitality through inclusive and community-centered approaches. Reimagining the Civic Commons is a national initiative demonstrating how strategic investments in public spaces can foster social connection, build trust, and support more resilient, equitable communities.

The program brings together leaders from across the country to explore how parks, libraries, trails, and other civic assets can be reimagined to serve the public good. As a participant, Jessica will share San José's strategies for inclusive economic development and learn best practices from other cities. Her involvement will help inform future projects that enhance quality of life, support community cohesion, and contribute to equitable public space planning in San José.