



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Toni J. Taber, MMC  
City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** May 13, 2026

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**SUBJECT: Request for Travel Authorization for Vice Mayor Foley**

**Recommendation**

As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on May 13, 2026, authorize travel for Vice Mayor Pam Foley to Washington, D.C. from July 21-26, 2026, for the Sister Cities International 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Homecoming event and Annual Business Meeting. Source of Funds: District 9 Council Office Budget and personal funds.

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

[Rules Committee referral 5/13/2025 - Item B.3]



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Vice Mayor Pam Foley

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST TO TRAVEL

**DATE:** May 6, 2026

Approved:

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## RECOMMENDATION

**Recommendation:** Authorize travel for Vice Mayor Pam Foley to Washington, D.C. from July 21-26, 2026, for the Sister Cities International 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Homecoming event and Annual Business Meeting.

**Location:** Washington, D.C.

**Meeting Dates:** July 22-25, 2026

**Source of Funds:** District 9 Council Office Budget and personal funds.

**Purpose:** The four-day stay will include the Annual Business Meeting, Citizen Diplomacy Educational Plenary Sessions, Embassy Visits, including Thailand and Japan, and Leadership forums. I will be attending as Director on the Sister Cities International (SCI) Board. SCI plays a crucial role in building bridges between communities across the globe while continuing to advance the ideals and mission championed by President Dwight Eisenhower, by promoting cultural exchange, economic cooperation, and mutual understanding. SCI contributes to a more interconnected and harmonious world.

The City of San José has been a member of Sister Cities International since approximately 1961 and has 8 Sister Cities: Okayama, Japan (1957); San Jose, Costa Rica (1961), Veracruz, Mexico (1975); Tainan, Taiwan (1977); Dublin, Ireland (1986); Pune, India (1992); Ekaterinburg, Russia (1992) and Guadalajara, Mexico (2014). Each sister city affiliation is part of San José's rich history and represents a bond between the city and people of San José with the city and people of our sister city.