COUNCIL AGENDA: 6/17/2025

FILE: 25-760 ITEM: 2.49



Memorandum

FROM: Toni J. Taber, MMC

City Clerk

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND

CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW DATE: June 12, 2025

SUBJECT: Request for Travel Authorization for Mayor's Staff

Recommendation

(a) As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on June 11, 2025, authorize travel, accept travel payments to the City of San José, and designate the Mayor's Staff, Jessica Barriga, as the City's representative to attend the Reimagining the Civic Commons Learning Journey from July 10 to 12, 2025 in St. Paul, Minnesota. Source of Funds: Guadalupe River Park Conservancy.

(b) Authorize travel, accept travel payments to the City of San José, and designate Mayor's Staff, Mackenzie Mossing, as the City representative to participate in the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative organized and funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies from August 10 to 14, 2025 in New York City, New York. Source of Funds: Bloomberg Philanthropies.

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 6/11/2025 - Items B.9 and A.1.a]

ROGC AGENDA: 06/11/2025

ITEM: B.9



Memorandum

TO: RULES AND OPEN

GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE **FROM:** Mayor Matt Mahan

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO TRAVEL DATE: June 2, 2025

Approved: Date: 06/02/2025

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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.

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TO: CITY COUNCIL FROM: Mayor Matt Mahan

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO TRAVEL DATE: June 12, 2025

Approved: Date: 06/12/2025

Recommendation: Authorize travel, accept travel payments to the City of San José, and designate

Mayor's staff member, Mackenzie Mossing, as the City's representative to attend the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative in New York City,

New York.

Location: New York City, NY

Meeting Dates: August 10-14, 2025

Source of Funds: Costs associated with registration, accommodation, airfare, ground

transportation, and most meals will be paid for by Bloomberg Philanthropies,

a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Purpose: Designate Mackenzie Mossing, Chief Policy Officer in the Mayor's Office, as

the City of San José's representative at the ninth annual cohort of the

Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative.

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.