



COUNCIL AGENDA: 8/31/2021

ITEM: 2.12

FILE NO: 21-1940

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: August 31, 2021

SUBJECT: Retroactive Request for Travel for Mayor Liccardo

Recommendation

As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on August 25, 2021:
Retroactively authorize travel for Mayor Liccardo to attend a meeting with President Joe Biden in Washington, D.C. from July 11 - 13, 2021. Source of Funds: Mayor's Office Budget.
CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-010, City Organizational and Administrative Activities resulting in no changes to the physical environment. (Liccardo)
[Rules Committee referral 8/25/2021 - Item G.2]



Memorandum

TO: RULES AND OPEN
GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE

FROM: Mayor Sam Liccardo

SUBJECT: RETROACTIVE REQUEST
FOR TRAVEL

DATE: August 18, 2021

Approved:

Date: 08/18/21

Recommendation: Retroactively authorize travel for Mayor Liccardo to attend a meeting with President Joe Biden in Washington, DC from July 11 - 13, 2021.

Location: Washington, DC

Meeting Date: July 12, 2021

Source of Funds/Cost: Mayor's Office Budget (\$2242.96)

Purpose: President Biden invited me and a half-dozen other mayors and police chiefs to participate in a meeting at the White House to discuss local strategies to combat gun violence and crime. After the two-hour meeting, I participated in a press question-and-answer session, and several other separate interviews. I discussed with the President, Attorney General Merrick Garland, and Domestic Policy Advisor Susan Rice, and other Administration officials how San José is using federal and local dollars to deploy walking patrols in high-crime neighborhoods, expand mental health response to residents in crisis, and employ young adults in gang-impacted neighborhoods in jobs ("Resilience Corps") that support our city's recovery. We also discussed our recent legislation to halt the flow of illegal guns through straw purchasing, and our contemplated ordinance to reduce the burdens of victims and taxpayers for gun violence and its response. The President and his team demonstrated a genuine

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August 4, 2021

Subject: Retroactive Approval for Travel

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commitment to partnering with cities to stem the tide of gun violence, and to scale innovative solutions emerging in our cities.

[Council Travel Policy 9-5](#) requires Council approval for out-of-state official travel. Due to Council's July recess, there was insufficient time to obtain advance Council approval for this travel. As permitted by Council Travel Policy 9-5, this memorandum describes the nature of the trip, the reason for the urgency, the approximate cost, and the source of funding.