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**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Mayor Sam Liccardo

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST TO TRAVEL

**DATE:** 5/25/18

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**Recommendation:** Authorize travel, accept travel payments to the City of San Jose, and designate Mayor's staff, Shireen Santosham, as a City representative to attend the Knight Foundation Convening for their Internet of Things program grantees from June 14-15 in Detroit, Michigan.

**Location:** Detroit, MI

**Meeting Dates:** June 14-15, 2018

**Source of Funds:** Knight Foundation & Harvard University (cost of travel, lodging and food)

**Purpose:** Shireen Santosham to be designated as a City of San José representative at the Knight Foundation convening on the Internet of Things, in conjunction with Harvard Law School.

Shireen is the Chief Innovation Officer on the Mayor's team and has been working with key staff in the City Manager's Office to further the City's Smart City and innovation initiatives. Her expert knowledge and skills were instrumental in developing the Smart City Vision focused on broadening prosperity for San Jose residents. As part of her work, she secured a \$200,000 grant from the Knight Foundation used to develop a citywide Internet of Things (IoT) strategy.

This convening will gather together the six cities that received IoT grants from the Knight Foundation to share lessons learned between cities. Shireen will share San José's IoT strategy as a "best practice" approach for cities. Harvard Law School will also publish a report on the outcomes of this research and the projects of other cities. This opportunity will be used to continue to show thought leadership by San José in the smart cities space, interface with potential donors and academic partners on City initiatives who are investing in government technology and innovation.