



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Pamela Campos

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO TRAVEL

DATE: March 12, 2025

Approved:

DATE:

3/17/25

Recommendation:

1. Authorize travel, accept travel payments to the City of San José, and designate Councilmember Campos as the City representative to participate in the Social Housing Field Study organized and funded in part by Global Policy Leadership Academy from April 6-12, 2025, in Vienna, Austria.
2. Excuse Councilmember Campos' absence from the Transportation and Environment Committee on April 7, 2025, City Council meeting on April 8, 2025, and Neighborhood Services and Education on April 10, 2025, due to authorized city business.

Location:

Vienna, Austria

Meeting Dates:

April 6 – 10, 2025

Source of Funds:

The Global Policy Leadership Academy (GPLA) will cover the program fee of \$7,800, which includes lodging, ground transportation, site visits, daily breakfast and lunch, and organized group dinners. Airfare and certain meals will be covered by the Councilmember's office budget or submitted for reimbursement to the City of San José.

Purpose:

The Vienna Social Housing Field Study provides an in-depth exploration of Vienna's internationally recognized social housing model through expert-led discussions, site visits, and meetings with local officials and housing experts. Participants will gain valuable insights into policy strategies, urban planning principles, and financing mechanisms that have allowed Vienna to maintain high-quality, affordable housing for residents.

Councilmember Campos has been invited to attend as a representative of the City of San José and to participate in a panel discussion on "The Role of the Public Sector in Social Housing" on April 11, 2025. This panel will provide a platform for sharing perspectives on how local governments can implement and support housing strategies that promote long-term affordability and sustainability.

San José, like many cities, faces pressing housing affordability challenges. Participation in this study will enable the Councilmember to explore innovative approaches, exchange ideas with housing leaders, and bring back valuable insights that could inform future housing policies and programs for the City of San José.