



# Memorandum

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

**SUBJECT: RETROACTIVE REQUEST  
FOR TRAVEL FOR MAYOR  
SAM LICCARDO**

**FROM:** Mayor Sam Liccardo

**DATE:** April 27, 2022

Approved:

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**Recommendation:** Retroactively authorize travel for Mayor Liccardo to Washington, DC from April 10-12, 2022, to attend an announcement regarding Gun Violence Reduction.

**Location:** Washington, DC

**Meeting Dates:** April 10 – April 12, 2022

**Source of Funds:** Mayor’s Office Budget

**Anticipated Cost:** \$1,900.00

**Purpose:** President Biden invited four large-city mayors to join him for an announcement of a policy to further combat gun violence in the U.S. with federal prohibition on “ghost guns,” a policy on which I had been working and Council had approved last year. He also announced his nomination for a new Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.<sup>1</sup>

I also spoke briefly with Administration officials about San Jose’s efforts enacted its first-of-its-kind ordinance to reduce gun violence, requiring gun owners to have insurance and pay an annual fee to relieve the public cost of gun violence, ways to mitigate straw purchases, and other strategies to engage the community to reduce gun violence.

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<sup>1</sup> Fact Sheet: The Biden Administration Cracks Down on Ghost Guns, Ensures That ATF Has the Leadership it Needs to Enforce Our Gun Laws, *available at* <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/04/11/fact-sheet-the-biden-administration-cracks-down-on-ghost-guns-ensures-that-atf-has-the-leadership-it-needs-to-enforce-our-gun-laws/> (April 11, 2022).

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Council Policy 9-5 (Travel by Elected and Appointed City Officials), Section D.1.d, allows for retroactive approval when there is insufficient time to obtain advance Council approval. President Biden's invitation was received in the late afternoon of Thursday, April 7, 2022 for the announcement on Monday, April 11. I was able to make arrangements to arrive in Washington, DC on Sunday, April 10, 2022 and therefore did not have sufficient time to obtain advance Council approval.