



COUNCIL AGENDA: 9/27/2022

ITEM: 2.17

FILE NO: 22-1459

# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Toni J. Taber, CMC  
City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** September 27, 2022

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**SUBJECT: Request for Travel Authorization**

**Recommendation**

As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on September 21, 2022, authorize travel, accept travel payments to the City of San José, and designate Mayor Sam Liccardo, Clay Garner, Chief Innovation Officer of MOTI, and Deputy City Manager Rob Lloyd as the City representatives to attend the CityLab 2022 conference in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, from October 7, 2022 to October 11, 2022. (Source of Fund: Aspen Institute [airfare, lodging, meals and ground transportation])

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 9/21/2022 - Item B.2]



# Memorandum

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL  
**SUBJECT:** REQUEST TO TRAVEL

**FROM:** Mayor Sam Liccardo  
**DATE:** September 14, 2022

**Approved:**

**Date:** September 14, 2022

**Recommendation:**

(1) Authorize travel, (2) accept travel payments to the City of San José, and (3) designate Mayor Sam Liccardo, Clay Garner, Chief Innovation Officer of MOTI, and Deputy City Manager Rob Lloyd as the City representatives to attend the CityLab 2022 conference in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, from October 7, 2022 - October 11, 2022.

**Location:**

Amsterdam, the Netherlands

**Meeting Dates:**

October 9 - 11, 2022

**Source of Funds:**

Aspen Institute (airfare, lodging, meals and ground transportation)

**Purpose:**

To represent the City of San José on the visit to Amsterdam, the Netherlands for the CityLab 2022 conference, hosted by the Aspen Institute and Bloomberg Philanthropies.

I will be speaking on the Mayors Innovation Studio panel on Sunday, October 9. This is an exclusive day-long event that provides mayors from around the world with an opportunity to congregate and discuss innovative strategies and ideas. The workshop will focus on the future of city centers, convening mayors with subject-matter experts, equipping city leaders with tools and tactics to foster inclusive growth, diversity local economies, and re-invent their city's downtown and commercial districts.

The importance of attending—particularly with Deputy City Manager Rob Lloyd—is to provide a “clean handoff” to City staff for San Jose’s continued engagement and participation in the network created by Bloomberg Philanthropies. The City’s ongoing participation in the Bloomberg Philanthropies network has yielded considerable public benefit with various environmental (i.e., Climate Cities Challenge,

which provided more than \$3 million to the City of San Jose in funding and staff to implement ground-breaking all-electric building and parking reduction policies) and smart city (e.g., data and technology) initiatives.

Clay is the Chief Innovation Officer and Senior Technology Advisor on the Mayor's Office of Technology and Innovation, and has been working closely with key staff in the City Manager's Office to further the City's tech and innovation initiatives. He was separately invited as a municipal CIO. The full agenda can be viewed [here](#).

This opportunity will be used to help make progress towards the City's environmental, Smart City Vision, and innovation initiatives, and to ensure continued engagement for the next mayoral administration.