



## Memorandum

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

**FROM:** Mayor Sam Liccardo  
**DATE:** November 13, 2017

**Recommendation:** Accept travel payments and authorize travel for Mayor's staff, Khanh Russo, Director of Strategic Partnerships, to Baltimore, Maryland from December 4, 2017 to December 5, 2017 for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cities Symposium.

**Location:** Baltimore, Maryland

**Meeting Dates:** December 4, 2017 to December 5, 2017

**Source of Funds:** John Hopkins University

**Purpose:** Khanh Russo to be designated the City of San Jose's representative on the visit to Baltimore, Maryland for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cities Symposium event. Khanh is the Director of Strategic Partnerships on the Mayor's team and has been working with key staff in the City Manager's Office to further the City's strategic partnerships initiatives. His expert knowledge and skills were instrumental in putting together the Education, Performance and Strategic Partnership initiatives focused on broadening prosperity for San Jose residents.

During this event, training will be provided in various topics through lectures and dynamic panel conversations with mayors, city agency heads, researchers, and national experts on leading urban efforts around a range of issues: Economic Segregation in 21st Century American Cities; Neighborhood Organizations and Violence Reduction; Data-Driven Decision Making in the 21st Century; and Inclusive Neighborhood Revitalization Strategies.

This training will be used to improve program design and policy development for the City's Strategic Partnership initiatives.