COUNCIL AGENDA: 9.11.18 ITEM: 3.4



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND

FROM: Councilmember Raul Peralez

CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW DATE: September 10, 2018

Approved by: Date: 9/10/18

SUBJECT: Actions Related to Mayor and Councilmembers' Travel to Seattle, WA for the Silicon Valley Organization Annual Study Mission.

RECOMMENDATION

Defer Item 3.4 of the September 11, 2018 Council Agenda to either coincide or follow the hearing of the Council Travel Policy and Sister City Delegation which was deferred by the Rules and Open Government Committee (ROGC).

BACKGROUND

This past April, Mayor Liccardo published a memo requesting to update the City of San José's travel policies in order to ensure that Council travel would not result in cancellations of Committee or Council meetings in order for City business to continue.

At the September 5th, 2018 ROGC meeting, the Travel Policy Update, originally to be heard at the September 11, 2018 Council Meeting, was deferred for the following week. Additionally, a travel request for the Dublin Sister City Trip, was also deferred to be heard alongside the Travel Policy Update. However, the travel request for the annual study mission to Seattle, while indicating impacts on the ROGC meeting for October 3, 2018, was not deferred.

If the intent was to have an open discussion about updating our city council travel policy, then it is only fair and transparent to defer this item until that discussion occurs.