



# Memorandum

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Mayor Sam Liccardo

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST FOR TRAVEL

**DATE:** October 31, 2018

**Approved:**

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10/31/2018

**Recommendation:**

Authorize travel, accept travel payments to the City of San José, and designate Mayor's staff, Shireen Santosham, as a City representative to attend the Knight Foundation Autonomous Vehicle Convening for program grantees in Los Angeles, CA from November 13-14, 2018.

**Location:**

Los Angeles, CA

**Meeting Dates:**

November 13-14, 2018

**Source of Funds:**

Knight Foundation (cost of travel, lodging and food)

**Purpose:**

Shireen Santosham to be designated as a City of San José representative at the Knight Foundation convening on autonomous vehicles for the recipients of grants to engage residents in planning for an autonomous future.

Shireen is the Chief Innovation Officer on the Mayor's team and has been working with key staff in the City Manager's Office to further the City's Smart City and innovation initiatives. Her expert knowledge and skills were instrumental in developing the Smart City Vision focused on broadening prosperity for San Jose residents. She also helped to launch the autonomous vehicle program in San Jose in 2017.

This convening will gather together the five cities that received autonomous vehicle grants totaling \$5.25M from the Knight Foundation. Shireen, along with Jessica Zenk from the Department of Transportation, will share San José's autonomous vehicle program and approach to the grant.