



Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Mayor Sam Liccardo

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO TRAVEL

DATE: May 20, 2019

Approved:

Date:

5/20/2019

Recommendation:

Authorize travel, accept travel payments to the City of San José, and designate Mayor's staff, Shireen Santosham, as the City representative to attend the Knight Foundation Public Space Forum and the Harvard Young American Leaders Program.

Location:

Philadelphia, PA & Cambridge, MA

Meeting Dates:

June 21, 2019 & June 25-28, 2019

Source of Funds:

Knight Foundation

Purpose:

Shireen Santosham to be designated as a City of San José representative at the Knight Foundation Public Space Forum and the Harvard Young American Leaders Program.

Shireen is the Chief Innovation Officer on the Mayor's team and works with key staff in the City Manager's Office to further the City's Smart City and innovation initiatives.

Shireen was asked to speak at the Knight Foundation Public Space Forum in Philadelphia to share how San José is using technology to engage residents. Additionally, Shireen, along with Councilmember Lan Diep, were chosen to attend the Young American Leaders Program at Harvard Business School. YALP grows out of Harvard Business School's ongoing project on U.S. competitiveness. For the past eight years, the program aims to foster creative practices that boost shared prosperity in America. It is a four-day boot camp where emerging leaders can learn about such practices, teach each other about them, and weigh how to apply the ideas to their hometowns. Shireen will share San José's "best practice" approach on civic technology.