



Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Mayor Sam Liccardo

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO TRAVEL

DATE:

Approved:

Date:

10-07-2019

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize travel, accept travel payments to the City of San José, and designate Mayor's staff, Nicholas Almeida, as the City representative to attend the Cities of Service Engaged Cities Award and CityLab: Urban Solutions to Global Challenges in Washington D.C. from October 26-29, 2019

Authorization for: Mayor's staff, Nicholas Almeida

Location: Washington, DC

Meeting Dates: October 26 - 29, 2019

Source of Funds: CityLab, Aspen Institute, and Cities of Service

Purpose:

Hosted by key City of San José partners such as Bloomberg Philanthropies, Aspen Institute and *The Atlantic*, this annual gathering brings together mayors from around the world, along with urban experts, business leaders, artists and activists to discuss global trends and how cities can confront our common challenges. Aspen Institute paid for the hotel and airfare, at no expense to the public.

Nicholas is the Chief Service Officer in the Mayor's Office and leads the partnership with Cities of Service. During CityLab, Cities of Service will hold special programming to announce the 2019 Cities of Service Engaged Cities Award winners. Nicholas will also be attending CityLab, a celebration of urban life, bringing together mayors from around the world, along with policymakers and business leaders, artists and activists. Participants explore solutions to the most pressing issues facing city leaders and residents alike. Through panel discussions, one-on-one conversations, workshops and field trips, the event showcases the dynamism and ingenuity that drive a thriving city. And while there are deep divisions in the world today, City Lab attendees are united by their ambition to make their cities more vibrant and livable.