



# 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 Jose, and designate Mayor's staff, Shireen Santosham, as the City representative to attend the 2019 CityLab Conference in Washington, DC from October 27-29, 2019.

**Location:** Washington, DC

**Meeting Dates:** October 27-29, 2019

**Source of Funds:** The Aspen Institute, The Atlantic, and Bloomberg Philanthropies

**Purpose:** Shireen Santosham to be designated as a City of San José representative for the 2019 CityLab conference, "Urban Solutions to Global Challenges" and the "Chief Innovators Studio."

CityLab is the preeminent global cities summit organized by the Aspen Institute, The Atlantic, and Bloomberg Philanthropies. More than 45 mayors representing cities around the world will attend CityLab, along with leading city innovators, business leaders, urban experts, artists, and activists.

Shireen will speak at the CityLab conference about San Jose's national leadership on broadband, 5G technology, and closing the digital divide through the city's Digital Inclusion Fund. She will also participate in the "Chief Innovators Studio," which gather together nearly 100 Chief Innovation officers from around the world to learn new skills and learn "best practice" approaches to innovation in local government.

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 initiative.