



Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Mayor Sam Liccardo

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO TRAVEL

DATE:

Approved:

Date:

10-09-2019

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize travel, accept travel payments to the City of San Jose, designate Mayor Sam Liccardo as the City representative to attend CityLab: Urban Solutions to Global Challenges in Washington, DC from October 26-29, 2019, and excuse absence from the Regular Meeting of the City Council on October 29, 2019.

Authorization for: Mayor Sam Liccardo

Location: Washington, DC

Meeting Dates: October 26 - 29, 2019

Source of Funds: Aspen Institute

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.

The Mayor will be attending CityLab, a celebration of urban life, bringing together mayors from around the world, along with policymakers and business leaders, artists and activists. The Mayor is most suitable to be designated as the City's representative to this event based on his Smart City Vision to make San Jose the most innovative city in the country by 2020. The Mayor will be sharing the strategies that have helped make San Jose the most innovative city. The Mayor will participate in an exclusive day-long event that provides mayors with a unique opportunity to connect with other mayors and hear from one another about strategies to build a culture of innovation in cities. This year's Mayors Innovation Studio will focus on the pressing topic of economic mobility. Participants explore solutions to the most pressing issues facing city leaders and residents alike.