



Memorandum

**TO: RULES AND OPEN GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE**

FROM: Mayor Sam Liccardo

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TRAVEL

DATE: October 16, 2019

APPROVED:

DATE: 10/16/19

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize travel, accept travel payments to the City of San José, and designate Mayor's staff, Candace Le, as the City's representative to attend the National League of City's Early Childhood Success Summit in San Antonio, Texas from November 18-19, 2019.

Authorization for: Candace Le, Policy Advisor for Education and Workforce Development, Mayor's Office of Strategic Partnerships

Source of Funds: National League of Cities (NLC)

Purpose: Candace Le will represent the City of San Jose at NLC's Early Childhood Success Summit. On March 5, 2019, the San Jose City Council identified early education as a citywide priority, which aligns with the development of a citywide Education and Digital Literacy Policy. The Early Childhood Success Summit is a two-day national convening that will serve as the catalyst for a strong peer learning network for cities to share challenges, brainstorm strategies, mentor each other, and develop new approaches that promote early learning. Attendees will participate in an Early Childhood Success Hackathon session related to five core topic areas: messaging and communications; financing early childhood; supporting diverse and growing populations; innovative partnerships; and measuring impact. As part of the Mayor's Strategic Partnerships team, Candace leads the Mayor's education initiatives which include programs that benefit our city's children from cradle to career such as SJ Learns, Coding 5K, SJ Works, SJ Promise and most recently, work to expand quality early learning programs in San Jose. As the Policy Advisor for Education and Workforce Development in the Mayor's Office of Strategic Partnerships, Candace is suitable to be designated as the City's representative because she can share insights on the innovative initiatives and approaches San Jose has taken to provide investment in early education.