

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO TRAVEL

Memorandum

FROM: Mayor Sam Liccardo

**DATE:** October 21, 2019

Approved:

Date: 10 - 23 - 2019

| Recommendation:  | Authorize travel, accept travel payments to the City of San José, and designate Mayor's staff, Nicholas Almeida, Chief Service Officer, as the City representative to attend the Cities of Service Annual Convening from November 13, 2019 to November 15, 2019 in Dallas, Texas.  |
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| Location:        | Dallas, Texas  |
| Meeting Dates:   | November 13, 2019 to November 15, 2019   |
| Source of Funds: | Cities of Service  |
| Purpose:         | Nicholas Almeida to be designated the City of San Jose's representative<br>on the visit to Dallas, Texas for the Cities of Service Annual Convening.<br>Nicholas is the Chief Service Officer on the Mayor's team and is leading<br>the partnership with Cities of Service on service-related efforts. His<br>expert knowledge and skills are instrumental in advancing service<br>initiatives focused on broadening prosperity for San Jose residents.<br>The Annual Convening gathers senior city staff leaders from across<br>the Cities of Service coalition to network with their peers and share |
|                  | best practices and learnings around citizen engagement. Sessions and<br>discussions will include practical strategies and reflections on how to<br>engage citizens to solve public problems and build trust between<br>citizens and city government.   |
|                  | This convening is an opportunity to promote San Jose service efforts, learn best practices from other cities, and ultimately improve program design and policy development for the City's service initiatives.   |