



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Mulcahy

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO TRAVEL
AND EXCUSED ABSENCE

DATE: January 15, 2026

Recommendation:

1. Authorize travel, accept travel payments to the City of San Jose, and designate Councilmember Mulcahy as the City representative to attend the Reimagining the City Commons event in Paris, France from April 14-17, 2026.
2. Excuse my absence from the April 14, 2026, City Council meeting and the April 16, 2026, Public Safety, Finance, and Strategic Support Committee meeting.
3. Place the item on the February 3, 2026, City Council Agenda for action.

Location: Paris, France

Meeting Dates: April 15-17, 2026

Source of Funds: Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit corporation

Purpose: The City of San José is part of a national learning network, Reimagining the Civic Commons (RCC), which convenes stewards, operators, funders, and advocates of parks, public spaces, and civic institutions to share knowledge, access resources, and build a movement for place-based community uplift. Every year, RCC hosts several Studios and Learning Journeys to showcase the work of a particular city.

Reimagining the Civic Commons is a national initiative demonstrating how strategic investments in public spaces can foster social connection, build trust, and support more resilient, equitable communities.

The program brings together leaders from across the country to explore how parks, libraries, trails, and other civic assets can be reimagined to serve the public good. As a participant, Councilmember Mulcahy will share San José's strategies for inclusive economic development and learn best practices from other cities. His involvement will help inform future projects that enhance quality of life, support community cohesion, and contribute to equitable public space planning in San José.