



Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Mayor Matt Mahan

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO TRAVEL

DATE: March 17, 2026

Approved:

Date:

03/17/2026

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize travel, accept travel payments to the City of San José, and designate Mayor Mahan as the City representative to participate in the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative Capstone Convening organized and funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies from April 12 – 14, 2026.

Location: Cambridge, Massachusetts

Meeting Dates: April 12 – 14, 2026

Source of Funds: Costs associated with registration, accommodation, airfare, and most meals will be paid for by Bloomberg Philanthropies, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Any remaining costs, such as ground transportation, meals not covered by Bloomberg Philanthropies, or Wi-Fi will be paid by Mayor's Office Budget.

Purpose:

Last July, Mayor Mahan joined the ninth annual cohort of the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative, joining city leaders from across the U.S. and around the world. The Capstone Convening is a culminating component of the initiative and is intended to support participating city leaders in advancing the work developed over the course of the program. Designating Mayor Mahan as the City's representative is consistent with his role as the City's participant in the cohort and maintains continuity with the work undertaken through the initiative.

City leaders today face difficult challenges that require creative solutions. The Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative helps senior city officials create lasting positive change by strengthening their ability to tackle complex issues and enhance quality of life for their communities. Operated through the Bloomberg Center for Cities at Harvard University, the program provides essential leadership and management training to better serve residents. Participating city teams focus on advancing a specific priority to drive faster, more effective

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results. This nonpartisan initiative builds leadership, organization, and problem-solving so senior city officials can develop effective, locally tailored strategies and achieve measurable outcomes.