



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Anthony
Tordillos

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO TRAVEL

DATE: July 24, 2026

Recommendation:

1. Authorize travel, accept travel payments to the City of San José, and designate Councilmember Tordillos as the City representative to participate in the Social Housing Field Study organized and funded in part by Global Policy Leadership Academy from September 13-19, 2026, in Vienna, Austria.
2. Excuse Councilmember Tordillos' absence from the City Council meeting on September 15, 2026, due to authorized City business.

Location:

Vienna, Austria

Meeting Dates:

September 13 – September 19, 2026

Source of Funds:

The Global Policy Leadership Academy will provide a partial scholarship of \$5,000 which includes tuition, lodging, ground transportation, site visits, daily breakfast and lunch, and 3 organized group dinners. Airfare, certain meals, and the remainder of the program fee will be covered by the Councilmember's office budget or submitted for reimbursement to the City of San José.

Purpose:

The Vienna Social Housing Field Study provides an in-depth exploration of Vienna's internationally recognized social housing model through meetings with government officials, housing practitioners, financing experts, and site visits to mixed-income and permanently affordable housing developments. Participants will study housing policies, financing strategies, land use planning, and long-term stewardship practices that have enabled Vienna to maintain a high-quality and affordable housing system.

The City of San José continues to prioritize expanding housing affordability and increasing the supply and preservation of affordable housing. Participation in this program is directly related to the Councilmember's official duties and will provide information and professional engagement to help inform future City housing policies, programs and legislative priorities. The knowledge gained will support the City's ongoing efforts to address its housing challenges.