



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Toni J. Taber, CMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: June 4, 2024

SUBJECT: Request for Travel Authorization for Mayor Mahan

Recommendation

As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on May 22, 2024, authorize travel, accept travel payments to the City of San José, and designate Mayor Mahan as the City representative to participate in a mayoral convening organized and funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies from June 26 - 28, 2024 in Baltimore, Maryland. Source of Fund: Bloomberg Philanthropies (Costs associated with travel, lodging, and meals).

CEQA: Not a Project, File No. PP17-010, City Organizational and Administrative Activities resulting in no changes to the physical environment. (Mahan)

[Rules Committee referral 5/22/2024 - Item B.2]



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TO: CITY COUNCIL**FROM:** Mayor Matt Mahan**SUBJECT:** REQUEST TO TRAVEL**DATE:** May 17, 2024

Approved:

Date:

05/17/2024

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize travel, accept travel payments to the City of San José, and designate Mayor Mahan as the City representative to participate in a mayoral convening organized and funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies from June 26 – 28, 2024 in Baltimore, Maryland.

Location: Baltimore, MD

Meeting Dates: June 26-28, 2024

Source of Funds: Costs associated with travel, lodging, and meals will be paid for by Bloomberg Philanthropies.

Purpose:

The Bloomberg Philanthropies City Data Alliance collaborates with mayors and cities throughout the Americas to offer executive education and coaching. This initiative focuses on utilizing data to enhance local government functions, innovate public services, and achieve better results for residents. This includes improving healthcare access, rethinking waste management, increasing affordable housing, and addressing homelessness. The comprehensive support provided through the City Data Alliance enables mayors and their senior teams to deepen their data usage for informed decision-making, system transformation, impact assessment, and effective communication of results.

Going to the City Data Alliance convening will open the potential for our city to be selected as a part of this alliance. Being a part of this alliance would allow the Mayor to share our city's learnings from our current innovative endeavors. Connecting with Bloomberg and their support will better inform and refine our own data processes, leading to improved outcomes for our residents, for projects like our city's data dashboards. In building our city's "civic sandbox", it will be imperative to collaborate with other cities and get expert guidance on how to responsibly and best advance work around emerging technologies like AI to ensure maximum benefits for San Jose residents.