Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Mayor Matt Mahan

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO TRAVEL
FOR MAYOR'S STAFF

DATE: May 8, 2024

Approved *Matt Mahan*   Date 05/08/2024

Recommendation: Authorize travel, accept travel payments to the City of San Jose, and designate the Mayor's Staff, Stephen Caines, as the City representative to attend the Smart Cities Expo USA to participate in a panel on the application of artificial intelligence in managing and maintaining urban infrastructure in New York City from May 21st-24th, 2024.

Location: New York City, New York

Meeting Dates: May 22nd-23rd, 2024

Source of Funds: Bloomberg Philanthropies, What Works Cities, 501c3 (airfare, lodging, and meals)

Purpose: The Smart Cities Expo USA is a 2-day conference held in New York City, that is focused on building smart, equitable, and sustainable 21st century cities for all. This expo gathers over 3,000 visitors, 300 government officials, and over 100 speakers to highlight cutting-edge concepts and practices to address modern-day issues local governments face. The panel hosted by What Works Cities Managing Director, Rochelle Haynes will primarily focus on the application of artificial intelligence for municipal service delivery. What Works Cities and Bloomberg have long been pillars in the civic innovation community and support the community through grantmaking, publicity, and media creation. In 2023, San Jose was recognized with their prestigious What Works Cities Gold Certification.

Stephen Caines is the Chief Innovation Officer and Budget Director for the Mayor's Office. He is a lawyer and published expert on the ethics and regulation of Surveillance AI. He will sit on the panel moderated by Rochelle Haynes discussing how San Jose currently implements artificial intelligence and what future uses the city may explore. He will speak with other civic technology leaders, elected officials, and public servants throughout the expo to further San Jose's leadership in the GovAI Coalition. He will advance the development of San Jose's AI ecosystem by continuing to build public-private partnerships. San Jose benefits from attending such conferences as it unlocks opportunities for fundraising, partnerships, and establishing best practices.