

2.9 *Actions Related to Councilmember Khamis' Travel to Chengdu City, Szechuan, China.



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Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Johnny Khamis

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TRAVEL
AND EXCUSED ABSENCES

DATE: March 9, 2017

APPROVED:

DATE: 03/09/17

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) Authorize travel by Councilmember Khamis to Chengdu City, Szechuan, China from March 29th to April 3rd as an official representative of the City of San José for the Smart City Forum and International Tourism Festival.
- (b) Authorize an excused absence for Councilmember Khamis from the following meetings due to Authorized City Business:
 - a. March 29th Rules and Open Government Committee and Committee of the Whole
 - b. March 30th City Council Study Session
- (c) Approve the receipt of gifts of air travel and meals received in an official capacity as a representative of the City in accordance with San José Municipal Code section 12.08.040(c). While the City could reimburse for the meals, they will be provided as a gesture to foster a good working relationship between the City of San José and Chengdu City.

Authorization for: Councilmember Johnny Khamis

Location: Chengdu City, Szechuan, China

Meeting Dates: March 30th – April 2nd

Source of Funds: US-China Friendship City Network, a 501(c)(3) non-profit

Purpose: Councilmember Khamis will participate in the Smart City Forum and International Tourism Festival in Chengdu City, Szechuan province, China to promote San Jose as a tourism destination and model of Green City and Smart City innovation. Chengdu City is interested in San Jose's approach to these topics, as well as economic, technology, education, and security issues and San Jose's approaches in these areas of concern.