



# City of Saint Paul

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## Legislation Text

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Accepting the gift of travel, lodging, and conference registration expenses from Local Progress for Council President Mitra Jalali and Council Member Cheniqua Johnson to attend the 2024 Local Progress National Convening.

WHEREAS, Local Progress was founded in 2012 as a movement of local elected officials advancing a racial and economic justice agenda, building power with underrepresented communities, and sharing and reshaping policy within local government;

WHEREAS, Local Progress builds the policy and leadership capacity of elected officials while working in deep partnership with community-based organizations and policy advocates to strengthen connections and advance shared priorities;

WHEREAS, Local Progress fights back against the unjust and immoral impacts of state and federal policies that inflict harm on people of color, immigrant communities, and working people, and drives collective action on affordable housing, immigrant rights, reimagining public safety, and economic justice;

WHEREAS, Council Members Mitra Jalali and Cheniqua Johnson were invited by Local Progress to attend the National Convening in Oakland, California from July 25-27, 2024;

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul City Council finds that attendance at this convening benefits the City by providing an opportunity for participants to engage in sessions to develop strategies for addressing economic inequities, obtain relevant knowledge, and to connect with other members of local government prioritizing these issues;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council accepts the gift of travel, lodging, and conference registration expenses up to \$650.00 each, for Council Members Mitra Jalali and Cheniqua Johnson to attend the national convening.