



Legislation Text

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Accepting a contribution from Knight Foundation for City staff to attend "8-80 Cities; Copenhagen Study Tour," in Copenhagen, Denmark, August 24-28, 2014.

WHEREAS, from August 24-28, 2014, the "8-80 Cities; Copenhagen Study Tour," will gather civic leaders from across the country in Copenhagen, Denmark to discuss ways to make cities more vibrant places where people can walk, bike, access transit, and enjoy parks and other public spaces; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Study Tour is to focus on devising solutions to community challenges that produce immediate results - i.e. to go from talking to doing; and

WHEREAS, the Study Tour aims to create a network of change-makers by building connections among community leaders and institutions, breaking down silos and sharing what is possible in each other's cities; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Study Tour, including lodging and food, is supported by a grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Knight Foundation has invited a City policy maker and a City staff member to attend "8-80 Cities; Copenhagen Study Tour," and will pay a stipend to the policy maker and staff member to cover the cost of travel; and

WHEREAS, the following City policy maker and City staff will receive a stipend from the Knight Foundation in the approximate amount noted:

Amy Brendmoen, City Councilmember, \$4,029

Reuben Collins, Public Works \$4,029

TOTAL \$8,058

WHEREAS, attendance by a City policy maker and a City staff at the "8-80 Cities; Copenhagen Study Tour," will serve a public purpose by increasing City capacity to plan for and provide alternative modes of transportation, create vibrant parks and public spaces, engage the community across multiple sectors, enhance the environment through sustainable design and practices, and increase economic vitality through placemaking.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby accepts the contribution of \$8,058 in stipends from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation to pay the travel expenses for two (2) City staff to attend the "8-80 Cities; Copenhagen Study Tour," in Copenhagen, Denmark, August 24-28, 2014.