



Legislation Text

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Authorizing the proper City officials to accept a gift stipend reimbursing travel and lodging costs for Assistant City Attorney Edmundo D. Lijo to attend the Cities for Action convening in New York City from December 4, 2024, to December 5, 2024.

WHEREAS, Cities for Action (C4A) is a coalition of nearly 200 U.S. mayors and county executives advocating for pro-immigrant federal policies and launching innovative, inclusive programs and policies at the local level; and

WHEREAS, Saint Paul is an active member of Cities for Action; and

WHEREAS, Saint Paul receives numerous benefits from membership and participation in Cities for Action including network coaching and strategy sessions, access to a diverse community of practice and member learning exchange opportunities, exclusive access to timely member resources, webinars, calls, and tailored programs that support communities in building a welcoming infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, in November 2024, Cities for Action called for a National Convening of member cities to take place in New York City from December 4, 2024, to December 5, 2024, to discuss how to continue supporting local immigrant and refugee communities living in our cities; and

WHEREAS, the Cities for Action invited Saint Paul Assistant City Attorney, Edmundo D. Lijo, to attend the National Convening to present on the Saint Paul Immigrant and Refugee Program's efforts to support immigrant and refugee communities in Saint Paul and share best practices and lessons learned; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Cities for Action Convening provided an opportunity to acquire technical knowledge to develop and improve the City of Saint Paul's Immigrant and Refugee Program; and

WHEREAS, attending the Cities for Action National Convening was also an opportunity to learn from other cities around the country on the best practices and lessons learned from their efforts to support immigrant and refugee communities living in their cities; and

WHEREAS, Cities for Action has secured funding to reimburse travel, meals, and lodging expenses incurred by cities that attended the Convening up to \$1,670.00 per individual; and

WHEREAS, the Cities for Action has offered to reimburse the transportation, meals, and lodging expenses for Saint Paul's representative to attend this Convening up to \$1670.00; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul City Attorney's Office, did send Assistant City Attorney, Edmundo D. Lijo to the Cities for Action Convening; and

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Saint Paul City Council authorizes Saint Paul Assistant City Attorney, Edmundo D. Lijo, to accept the stipend to cover the transportation, meals, and lodging costs associated with attending the Cities for Action National Convening not to exceed \$1,670.00.