



City of La Quinta

CITY / SA/ HA/ FA MEETING DATE: July 1, 2014

AGENDA CATEGORY:

ITEM TITLE: APPROVE OVERNIGHT TRAVEL FOR TWO COUNCIL MEMBERS, CITY MANAGER AND ASSISTANT TO CITY MANAGER TO ATTEND LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA SEPTEMBER 3-5, 2014

BUSINESS SESSION:

CONSENT CALENDAR: 6

STUDY SESSION:

PUBLIC HEARING:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize overnight travel for Council Members Henderson and Evans, City Manager Spevacek and Assistant to City Manager Escobedo to attend the League of California Cities Annual Conference being held in Los Angeles, California, September 3-5, 2014.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- The League of California Cities (League) is an association of California city officials who work together to enhance their knowledge and skills, exchange information, and combine resources so that they may influence policy decision that affect cities.
- The League's Annual Conference provides attendees the opportunity to participate in education sessions and discussion forums. Additionally, meetings of the League's Board, Policy Committees and Regional Divisions are scheduled.
- Networking opportunities are provided to attendees to share experiences and knowledge.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Costs associated with this conference will be funded through the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Budget, which has allocated funds for travel, training and meetings for City Council, City Manager and staff. Estimated expenditures for each attendee are as follows:

Conference registration:	\$ 500.00
Lodging and meals (two nights):	\$ 700.00
Travel (mileage and parking):	\$ 275.00
TOTAL	<u>\$1475.00</u>

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The League’s Annual Conference provides the opportunity for local leaders to learn from leading experts as well as from their peers. Education sessions and forums will include topics such as communication, governance, technology and service delivery. City Manager Spevacek and Assistant to City Manager Escobedo will be guest presenters for one of the education sessions.

In addition, the League’s Annual Business Meeting, held during the General Assembly, takes action on resolutions that establish League policy. Council Member Evans has been designated as the City’s voting delegate.

ALTERNATIVES:

As it is crucial to have City representation at the League’s Annual Business meeting and the City Manager and Assistant to City Manager will be presenters during one of the education sessions, staff does not recommend an alternative.

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