



City of La Quinta

CITY / SA / HA / FA MEETING DATE: January 20, 2015

AGENDA CATEGORY:

ITEM TITLE: APPROVE OVERNIGHT TRAVEL FOR CITY CLERK TO ATTEND QUARTERLY LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING IN SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA – JANUARY 16, 2015

BUSINESS SESSION:

CONSENT CALENDAR: 4

STUDY SESSION:

PUBLIC HEARING:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize overnight travel for the City Clerk to attend the League of California Cities Administrative Policy Committee Meeting being held in Sacramento, California on January 16, 2015.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- The City Clerk is currently a member of the League of California Cities' (League) Administrative Services Policy Committee representing the Riverside Division.
- The Policy Committee reviews bills or regulatory proposals on issues for which the League does not have existing policy. Committee actions or positions are transmitted to the League's Board of Directors as recommendations for formal League positions.
- Although the League provided advance notice of this meeting, the City Clerk did not confirm attendance until airfare to Sacramento dropped by more than 50 percent during the first week of January; therefore, approval is being sought retroactively.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Travel and lodging costs associated with this meeting are \$515 and will be funded through the City Clerk's Fiscal Year 2014/2015 budget, which has allocated funds for travel, training and meetings.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The 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 State and Federal policy decisions that affect cities.

The League's quarterly committee meetings provide the opportunity for local leaders to learn from leading experts as well as from their peers. The committee process is the League's means of effectively engaging in the legislative process, and requires all appointed members to be actively engaged. Attendees receive updates on new legislation and court rulings affecting cities and make recommendations to the League Board of Directors for formal League positions on bills.

ALTERNATIVES:

As it is important that the City and the Riverside Division have representation and input on upcoming legislation, and funds have already been budgeted, staff does not recommend an alternative.

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