



City of Lake Forest REQUEST TO SPEAK

PUBLIC
COMMENT

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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION LEGIBLY

Meeting Date: 6-20-2023

Please check boxes as appropriate:

- I have read and understood the Rules and Procedures for addressing the City Council.
- I would like to speak on Agenda Item #: _____
- I am speaking under Public Comments (subjects NOT on the current agenda)

Name: Randy Johnson

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ Email: _____

Council may direct follow up to your inquiry. Providing contact information allows us to communicate with you and in aiding in the completion of the Minutes.

TO: SCOTT VOIGTS and Council Members

FROM: Randy Johnson, Lake Forest Resident

DATE: 06/20/2023



SUBJ: City Expensed Travel to Washington D.C. – 4/17/23 to 4/20/23

Mr. Voigts –

We heard through the grapevine that you traveled with an ACCOC group to Washington, D.C. for a legislative advocacy on the above dates.

Your trip was not publicly announced prior to your departure date, nor did you mention the trip or what you may have accomplished for our City while you attended when you returned. A secret. You often talk about simple ribbon cuttings during council comments, yet omit discussing a trip to Washington, D.C. where you rubbed elbows with political heavyweights? Really?

I found out because I happened to come across a blurb about the event at Congresswoman Young Kim's website and noticed you in the group photo.

It so caught my interest that I submitted a PRA to ascertain whether our Lake Forest taxpayers funded your travel expenses. Sure enough. We paid for your airfare, parking, snacks and taxi fares **in the total amount of \$1,521.** (see attached). Unknown who paid for your hotel room. Not sure if the 'registration' fee included the room or not. Not clear. The city refuses to tell me.

It's not very polite to travel on someone else's dime and then not to report back to the ones who elected you to office and paid your tab to report what you learned and accomplished at the conference for our City. Now I see why you pushed so hard for the City to rejoin ACCOC. You initiated the motion back on 11/01/22. It was tabled on 1/17/23, and they brought back for reconsideration on 2/7/23 (Item 11). Naturally, you were the one who pushed hard to kick the item over the finish line and got a 4-1 vote with Pequeno dissenting.

When you cheerleaded ACCOC you said we needed to join because it was all about advocacy for "local control". Then on 5/16/23 (Item 17) we learned that

ACCOC failed to take a position on a state legislative bill (SB7) that would mandate homeless shelters in all cities, contingent upon their respective PIT counts of homeless people. How's that for local control advocacy?

Apparently, the city got hoodwinked. Another fine mess you've gotten us into, Councilman Voigts!

Now why don't you lift the secret cloak off your taxpayer financed trip to D.C. and give us your list of accomplishments, or lack thereof. That's the least you can do.

Randy Johnson, 26-Year Lake Forest Resident.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Randy Johnson', written in a cursive style.

**CITY OF LAKE FOREST
OUT-OF-TOWN TRAVEL FORM
(Employees)**

Circle: Advance
Reimbursement

Employee Scott Voigts

Department City Council

Budget Amount \$11,923.56

Conference/Meeting ACCOC Legislative Advocacy Trip

Location Washington DC

Dates of Travel April 17-20, 2023

Description	Actual Travel Costs*	Deductions		Amount Due Employee/(Due City)
		Eligible Costs Paid by City	Ineligible Costs Paid by City	
Registration				
Airfare	1,317.41			1,317.41
Hotel/Parking				
Meals	33.31			33.31
Mileage (attach mileage form)	17.03			17.03
TAXI FEES	73.59			73.59
Parking at Airport	80.00			80.00
Total Travel Costs		<u>\$1,521.34</u>		Amount Due Employee/(Due City) <u>\$1,521.34</u>

* Please list all eligible costs, such as meals, hotel, registration, transportation, parking, taxi, etc. Attach receipts and supporting documentation for all eligible costs.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that all expenses listed were incurred, necessary, and reasonable and in connection with City business.

	Account Code	Amount
Meetings/Travel	101-101-43020	\$ 1,521.34
Publications	- - 626.000	
Other	- - .000	

Employee Certification _____ Date 6/1/23

6/1/2023

Prepared by: _____
Department Head
City Manager (if the employee is a Department Head)

Reviewed By: Director of Finance

All reimbursements or advances paid in accordance with the City's Travel Policy

ITINERARY AND INFORMATION

Monday April 17th – Delegation Arrives

6:00-8:00pm Welcome Orientation at Dubliner Restaurant at Phoenix Park Hotel

Tuesday, April 18th

7:30-8:45 Breakfast (Phoenix Park Hotel – Georgian Room)

8:15-8:45 Day 1 Briefing (Phoenix Park Hotel – Georgian Room)

8:45 Travel to National Alliance to End Homelessness Offices

9:00-10:00 National Alliance to End Homelessness Briefing

10:00 Travel to Capitol for Congressional Meetings

10:00-11:45 Congressional Meetings

11:45 Meet at 1306 in the Longworth House office building for Capitol Tour

12:00-1:00 Capitol Tour

Lunch On Own

1:30-4:00 Afternoon Meetings

3:30 Meet in Lobby to walk to Library of Congress

3:45-4:45 Library of Congress Tour (OPTIONAL)

5:00-5:30 Meet in Lobby to Travel to Top of the Town

5:30-7:30 Reception at Top of the Town

8:00-9:00 Nighttime National Mall Walk (OPTIONAL)

MEETINGS AND TOPICS

Agency & Committee Meetings

National Alliance to End Homelessness

Steve Berg, Chief Policy Officer
Mary Thompson, VP of Programs and Policy

House Energy and Commerce Committee

Energy, Climate and Grid Security Subcommittee Staff
(Majority)
Mary Martin (Chief Counsel)
Brandon Mooney (Deputy Chief Counsel)
Jake McCurdy (Professional Staff Member)

U.S. Government Accountability Office

Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and Environment

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Curtis Dubay, Chief Economist
Ron Eidshaug, Vice President and Chief of Staff of
Government Affairs
Tom Sullivan, Vice President of Small Business Policy

House Transportation Majority Committee

Org: House Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure
Abigail "Abby" Camp, Director of Coalitions and
Operations

National League of Cities

Senate and Congressional Meetings

Sen. Diane Feinstein – Legislative Staff: Chloe Koseff,
Taylor DuBard, Freda Hawver Pachter

Rep. John Duarte (R CA) – Phillipa Bradley (Deputy
Chief of Staff)
Member – House Committee on Natural Resources

Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA) - Johanna Montiel
(Legislative Director)
Member – House Committee on Natural Resources

Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA) - Jack Lincoln (Legislative
Director)
*Member – Appropriations Committee & Chair of the
Defense Appropriations Subcommittee
Member – Energy and Water Appropriations
Subcommittee*

Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA) - Legislative Director John
Veale and Legislative Correspondent Sage Milestone
Member: Committee on Transportation and Highways

Orange County Delegation Meetings

Rep. Lou Correa (D-CA)

Rep. Young Kim (R-CA)

Rep. Mike Levin (D-CA)

Rep. Michelle Steel (R-CA)

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Wednesday April 19th:

7:30-9:00	Breakfast (Phoenix Park Hotel – Georgian Room)
9:00-9:30	Day 2 Briefing (Phoenix Park Hotel – Georgian Room)
9:30-10:30	Government Accountability Office Briefing (Georgian Room)
10:30-11:00	Travel to US Chamber of Commerce
11:00-12:30	US Chamber of Commerce Meetings
12:30-2:00	Break, meetings resume at 2:00 <i>Lunch on own</i>
2:00-4:00	Congressional Meetings
4:00-6:00	Break
6:30-9:00	Delegation Dinner at Mastro's Steakhouse

Thursday April 20th - Delegation Departs

7:30-9:00	Breakfast (Phoenix Park Hotel – Georgian Room)
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Primary Addresses & Contacts

Phoenix Park Hotel & Dubliner Restaurant - 520 N. Capitol St NW Washington, DC 20001

Top of the Town - Tuesday Reception - 1400 14th St N, Arlington, VA 22209

Mastro's Steakhouse - Wednesday Delegation Dinner - 600 13th St NW, Washington, DC 20005

National Alliance to End Homelessness Offices - 1518 K Street NW, 2nd Floor Washington, DC 20005

U.S. Chamber of Commerce - 1615 H St NW, Washington, DC 20062

Contacts:

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