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## SJCOG One Voice Travel

Item 5.5 – City Council Regular Meeting February 12, 2024

## Background

- Since 2000, The San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) has coordinated a delegation of policymakers, governmental officials and business leaders from San Joaquin County to call upon Congressional Representatives and their Staff in Washington D.C. to discuss specific issues and projects of importance to the region.
- Lathrop has participated in approximately 18 One Voice trips.

## Select One Voice Participants

- Travel is scheduled from May 5 May 9, 2024.
- City policy requires Council approval for all out of state travel.
- Depending on the option, a budget amendment may be required to cover the costs of the travel.
- Current members to SJCOG Board of Directors: Lazard (Delegate), and Diallo (Alternate)
- SJCOG reimburses 50% of airfare and hotel costs for appointed members. Including, meals per diem based on SJCOG policy (\$10 breakfast, \$15 lunch, and \$30 dinner)

## **Council to Select & Approve Preferred Option**

OPTIONS		TOTAL COST	BUDGET AMENDMENT
1.	Send 2 Council Members & City Manager	Approx. \$16,200	Approx. \$10,800
2.	Send 1 Council Member & City Manager	Approx. \$10,800	Approx. \$5,400
3.	Send 1 Council Member only	Approx. \$5,400	Approx. \$5,400
4.	Send City Manager only	Approx. \$5,400	None
5.	Do not send representatives	None	None

In order to prevent a quorum from doing City business during the trip, it is recommended that attendees be limited to two members of the Council, one of whom may include the Mayor.