



STAFF REPORT

AGENDA NO: 8h

MEETING DATE: June 21, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

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From: Bradley McCulley, City Librarian – (650) 558-7404

Subject: Approval of Library Freedom Institute Conference Out of State Travel

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the out-of-state travel request of Technical Services Manager Megan Wong.

BACKGROUND

In 2020 Megan Wong, Technical Services Manager for the Library, was accepted into the Library Freedom Institute (LFI), an intensive 15-week program covering topics such as “AI, Algorithms, and Privacy” and “Vendors and Data Governance Policies.”

A component of LFI during non-pandemic times consists of a fully paid by the Institute “LFI Weekend”, with the intended purpose of allowing the cohort members to meet in person to both collaborate on privacy projects and learn from privacy experts who presented to LFI during the “Virtual Weekend” of 2020. With the pandemic waning and many of the LFI cohort members vaccinated, the in-person “LFI Weekend” is taking place in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania during the weekend of August 6-8.

DISCUSSION

Travel and accommodations are fully funded by LFI.

FISCAL IMPACT

Lunches are not provided, so this event has minimal fiscal impact.