



**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**ITEM \_\_\_\_\_**

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

**99-088**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**

MARCH 1, 1999

**SUBJECT:**

OUT-OF-STATE  
TRAVEL

**TYPE:**

**RESOLUTION**  
**ORDINANCE**  
**RECEIVE/FILE**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

KEVIN RIPER  
FINANCE  
DIRECTOR

**Bruce Bergman (1-R), Corporation Counsel**, to Las Vegas, Nevada, from May 1, 1999 to May 6, 1999 to attend the National College of District Attorneys conference. This conference will provide information involving government liability. Topics include employment law, sexual harassment, ADA, civil rights, land use, environmental law, settlement considerations, discovery and depositions, and trial strategies.

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**Tom Vlassis (0-R) Council Member**, to Washington, DC, from March 4, 1999 to March 10, 1999 to attend the spring conference sponsored by the National League of Cities. This trip was approved on the December 21, 1998 agenda, but has been extended for two days.

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

Cost of travel is \$1,575, \$1,375 and \$2,100 respectively. Funding for this trip is provided for in the 1998-99 Operating Budget under Index Code LGL010000 (015016), page L-5 and LGL040000 (015115), page L-8; Index Code LGL040000 (015115), page L-8; and Index Code MCC010000 (015511), page MC-4.

The total expended on City travel from July 1, 1998 through January 25, 1999, is \$194,706.63; the total amount budgeted for City travel is approximately \$370,000.

## **RECOMMENDATION -**

### **Approval.**

## **BACKGROUND -**

On January 20, 1992, by Roll Call No. 92-214, the City Council approved a revision to the policy for travel authorization requests. Such revision requires trips that exceed three days and \$1,250 cost to be approved by the Council. The number in parenthesis indicates the total number of trips previously authorized for that individual for the current budget year; R represents resident and NR represents non-resident.