

56. Approve usage of funding from the Office of the County Executive budget for travel to Palm Springs, California, for Supervisor Chavez to attend and serve as keynote speaker at the Aviation Noise and Emissions symposium on March 4-5, 2024. (ID# 24-4319)



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**DATE:** February 6, 2024  
**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** James R. Williams, County Executive  
**SUBJECT:** Travel Funding for Supervisor Chavez

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approve usage of funding from the Office of the County Executive budget for travel to Palm Springs, California, for Supervisor Chavez to attend and serve as keynote speaker at the Aviation Noise and Emissions symposium on March 4-5, 2024.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There is no additional impact to the General Fund as a result of the recommended action. The Office of the County Executive Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 would cover the approximately \$1,000 needed to fund the registration cost and travel expenses for Supervisor Chavez.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION AND BACKGROUND**

The University of California-Davis hosts the annual Aviation Noise and Emissions symposium that brings together national and international stakeholders to discuss pressing environmental concerns of airports; this year's theme is *Tackling Noise and Emissions Challenges Together*. In light of the County's efforts—under the leadership of Supervisor Chavez—to prohibit leaded aviation fuel and close Reid-Hillview Airport, symposium organizers have requested the County Supervisor deliver a 30- to 45-minute keynote presentation, take part in a Q&A session, and participate in an informal Community Group meeting to answer questions and provide insights into the County's experience to those who may be looking to replicate our work. Because the symposium organizers do not have funds to waive costs for attendees, the recommended action requests use of available funds through the Office of the County Executive budget.

**CHILD IMPACT**

The recommended action will have no/neutral impact on children and youth.

**SENIOR IMPACT**

The recommended action will have no/neutral impact on seniors.

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## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

The recommended action will have no/neutral sustainability implications.

## **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

The requested registration and travel expenses for the symposium would not be approved, and the County would miss an opportunity to showcase its work in addressing the environmental impacts of airports.

## **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

The Clerk of the Board is requested to notify Michele Seaton in the Office of the County Executive and Kathy Sutherland in the Office of Supervisor Chavez.