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April 15, 2019

Sent via Email (No Original to Follow): Councillor Grimes@toronto.ca

Mark Grimes
City Councillor, Ward 3
Toronto City Hall, Suite C48
100 Queen St. E.
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Councillor Grimes:

Re: Sponsored Travel provided by the Municipality of Chengdu for Your Trip to Tokyo and Sagamihara, Japan and Chengdu, China; May 15-21, 2018

Thank you for providing me with a Travel Declaration Form for the above-noted trip. I confirm that the travel related benefits you have disclosed are in compliance with section (f) of Article IV (Gifts and Benefits) of the *Code of Conduct for Member of Council* as travel was sponsored by the Municipality of Chegdu and you attended in your official capacity as City Councillor.

I form this view based on my review of:

- 1. the Travel Declaration Form dated March 19, 2019;
- 2. an April 15, 2019 email from Susana Vaz, Economic Development Officer, confirming the estimated value of the travel provided;
- 3. a June 22, 2018 report outlining the Asia (Japan and China) Mission 2018 (ED31.4); and,
- 4. a search of the lobbyist registry confirming that the travel sponsor, the Municipality of Chengdu, is not a registered lobbyist or a client of a registered lobbyist.

This letter, the Travel Declaration Form, and attached supporting material will be posted on the Integrity Commissioner's website, <u>toronto.ca/integrity</u>, in accordance with the *Code of Conduct for Members of Council*.

If you have any questions about the disclosure of gifts and benefits, please do not hesitate to contact this Office.

Yours truly,



Valerie Jepson Integrity Commissioner

Enclosures (2): Travel Declaration Form for Tokyo and Sagamihara, Japan and Chengdu,

China (1 page)

April 15, 2019 Email Confirming Value of Travel (1 page)

c.c.: Lesley Ruscica, Manager, Council & Support Services

Kelly McCarthy, Deputy City Clerk, Strategic Integration and Excellence

Ulli Watkiss, City Clerk



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INFORMATION TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNCIL MEMBER	
Council Member:	Mark Grimes
Purpose of Trip:	ED31.4 Asia (Japan and China) Mission 2018
Travel Destination:	Tokyo and Sagamihara, Japan and Chengdu, China
Travel Dates:	May 15-21, 2018
Additional Information:	Renewal of friendship agreement with Sagamihara; 2018 Innovation Forum of Mayors of International Sister Cities.
Travel Expenses Covered by Third Party (please complete all that apply)	
Sponsor of Travel:	Name: Municipality of Chengdu, China Type of Sponsor (check all that apply): Government Other organization Conference Organizer
Registration Fees:	\$
Travel:	\$1980.96
Accommodation:	\$
Ground Transportation:	\$
Per Diem/Sundry Expenses:	\$
TOTAL:	\$
Expenses Paid from Council Business Travel Budget	\$
Expenses Paid from Constituency Services & Office Budget or the annual operating budget for the Office of the Mayor	\$
Expenses paid from other City of Toronto sources	\$10,707.75 Source: Economic Development and Culture Division
Please attach all pertinent information copies of receipts, etc.)	to this form including invitation letter from event organizer,
Signed by Council Member	03/19/19 Date:
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Integrity

From: Susana Vaz

Sent: April 15, 2019 10:52 AM

To: Caroline Teigne

Cc: Integrity

Subject: RE: Sponsored Travel - Councillor Grimes

Thanks Caroline for your call this morning. Yes, I confirm the same.

Should you need any further clarifications and /or information feel free to reach out and I will be happy to assist.

Take care

Susana

Susana Vaz

Economic Development Officer - Asia

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From: Caroline Teigne Sent: April-15-19 10:28 AM

To: Susana Vaz **Cc:** Integrity

Subject: Sponsored Travel - Councillor Grimes

Good morning, Susana.

Thank you for providing documentation to support Councillor Grimes' Travel Declaration Form. I write to confirm that Economic Development estimated the value of the travel provided by the Municipality of Chengdu, China to be CAD \$1980.96 at the time of travel.

Kind regards,

Caroline



Caroline Teigné

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