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MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Susie Byrd, City Representative, District #2
DATE: July 25, 2012
RE: Arizona Travel Ban

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Dear Mayor and Council:

I continue to support the travel ban on City funded trips to Arizona. We instituted the ban in reaction to anti-immigrant and anti-Hispanic legislation passed in Arizona. The purpose was to send the message that we did not support Arizona's efforts. That purpose and message is undermined if we don't really mean it. We have now twice provided exceptions to the Mayor to allow him to travel to Arizona using City funds. If the highest elected official of the City travels to Arizona with City funds then we really aren't sending any message. In order to treat all employees equally and in light of the fact that the resolution serves no purpose given the exceptions, then I would request that we just withdraw the resolution.

Sincerely,

Susie Byrd  
City Council Representative, District 2