



U.S. House of Representatives

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## MEMBER/OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual *Financial Disclosure Statement*. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, by email at [gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov](mailto:gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov), within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

1. Name of Traveler: \_\_\_\_\_
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR** None   
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: \_\_\_\_\_ Return: \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR** None
4. Departure City: \_\_\_\_\_ Destination: \_\_\_\_\_ Return City: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):

7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
  - a.  a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
  - b.  the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
  - c.  page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the Member or officer; **and**
  - d.  the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a.  I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda.  
**Signify statement is true by checking the box.**  
 b. If not, explain:

**I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.** I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

Member / Officer Signature:     *Raul Ruiz*    

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original  Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within ten days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: The Council for Global Equality

2. Travel Destination(s): San Diego, CA & Tijuana, Mexico

3. Date of Departure: May 5, 2022 Date of Return: May 6, 2022

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Representative Raul Ruiz

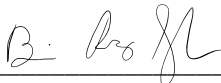
*Note:* You may list more than one traveler on a form only if *all* information is *identical* for each person listed.

5. Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$1372	\$181	\$176.75	\$633 (Security, interpreter, Covid test/masks)
Accompanying Family Member				

6.  All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. Signify statement is true by checking box.

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: May 12, 2022

Name: Beirne Roose-Snyder Title: Senior Policy Fellow

Organization: Council for Global Equality

I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box.

Address: 1220 L Street NW, Suite 110-450, Washington DC 20005-4018

Email: beirne@globalequality.org Telephone: 202-222-5435

**Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.**

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.



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## PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee website ([ethics.house.gov](http://ethics.house.gov)) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

**Council for Global Equality**

2.  I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. Signify that the statement is true by checking box.

3. **Check only one.** I represent that:

a.  The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip: **OR**

b.  The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds: **OR**

c.  The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors:

4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary):

See Addendum A

5. Yes  No  Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

6. Date of departure: May 5, 2022 Date of return: May 6, 2022

7. a. City of departure: Palm Springs, CA

b. Destination(s): San Diego, U.S. & Tijuana, Mexico

c. City of return: Palm Springs, CA

8. **Check only one.** I represent that:

a.  The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: **OR**

b.  The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: **OR**

c.  The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. **Check only one of the following:**

a.  I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**

b.  I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**

c.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**

d.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:



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10.  Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*
11. **Check only one of the following:**
- a.  I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box; OR*
- b.  *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For *each* sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip *and* its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:  
**The Council for Global Equality is host to the delegation and is responsible for logistics, security and content of the trip and post-trip follow-up.**
13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_ )
- b. Class of travel: Coach  Business  First  Charter  Other  (specify: Taxi Service )
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
14.  I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*
15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a.  The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
- b.  The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation.  
 If "b" is checked:
- 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided):  
**The U.S. Government per diem rates for meals \$74/day in San Diego and \$78/day in Tijuana**
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:  
**The U.S. government is an important partner in Mexico and we want to highlight the issues a**
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: Pier South Hotel City: San Diego Cost Per Night: \$181  
 Reason(s) for Selecting: The hotel offers business amenities and it is 15 minutes away from the Tijuana
- Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_
- Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_
17.  I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*



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### 18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$313	\$181	\$226
For each Accompanying Family Member			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$980	Insurance, Interpreters, Security
For each Accompanying Family Member		

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### 19. Check only one:

- a.  I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
- b.  *Not Applicable*. Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

### 20. I certify by my signature that

- a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
- b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and
- c. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: B. Beirne Date: 5 April 2022

Name: Beirne Roose-Snyder Title: Senior Policy Fellow

Organization: Council for Global Equality

Address: 1220 L Street NW, Suite 100-450, Washington DC 20005-4018

Email: beirne@globalequality.org Telephone: 202-222-5435

## INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* and submit the agenda, invitation list, any attachments, and any *Additional Trip Sponsor Forms* directly to the Travelers.

Written approval from the Committee on Ethics is required before traveling on this trip. The Committee on Ethics will notify the House invitees directly and will not notify the trip sponsors.

**Willful or knowing misrepresentation on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.**

**For questions, please contact the Committee on Ethics at:**

1015 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

[ethicscommittee@mail.house.gov](mailto:ethicscommittee@mail.house.gov) | 202-225-7103  
More information and forms available at [ethics.house.gov](http://ethics.house.gov)



April 5, 2022

United States House Committee on Ethics  
1015 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC20515

RE: Learning Tour to Tijuana Mexico, May 5-6

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing today on behalf of the Council for Global Equality (“CGE”), a coalition of prominent U.S.-based human rights and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex (“LGBTQI”) advocacy organizations focused on advancing human rights for LGBTQI populations through U.S. foreign policy.

On this Learning Tour, we will be sponsoring a trip to Tijuana, Mexico, which will include members of Congress and staffers from congressional offices in the House of Representatives. This trip has been funded by the Council for Global Equality with the purpose of raising awareness about the human rights and conditions of LGBTQI asylum seekers at the U.S.-Mexico Border.

We are committed to ensuring adherence to all Ethics Committee rules and regulations. For further information about CGE’s advocacy and structure, please see the attached description. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (202) 222-5435.

Sincerely,

Beirne Roose-Snyder  
Senior Policy Fellow  
Council for Global Equality



March 30, 2022

The Honorable Raul Ruiz, M.D.  
2342 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Ruiz:

We are writing today on behalf of the Council for Global Equality (“CGE”), a coalition of prominent U.S.-based human rights and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex (“LGBTQI”) advocacy organizations focused on advancing human rights for LGBTQI populations through U.S. foreign policy.

We are approaching you with an opportunity to join us on the Council for Global Equality’s trip to Mexico on **May 6, 2022** and will allow you to see firsthand the conditions and challenges for LGBTQI migrants and would-be asylum seekers on the southern border. The trip will coincide with the ILGA conference being held in Southern California. The delegation will include other Members of Congress, as well as key leaders and technical experts working on these issues.

On your journey, you will travel to the U.S.-Mexico border to visit LGBTQI shelters and LGBTQI migrants who are waiting on the Mexican side of the border, as well as a visit with the local UNHCR office and other service providers.

In order to allow sufficient time for planning, we would appreciate a response indicating your interest in joining by **Friday, April 1, 2022**. We have asked Beirne Roose-Snyder to provide further details on the trip and answer any questions you may have. You can reach her directly at [beirne@globalequality.org](mailto:beirne@globalequality.org) or +1 202.222.5435.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for considering this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Mark Bromley  
Council Co-Chair

Julie Dorf  
Council Co-Chair

## **Council for Global Equality (CGE) Structure Explained**

The Council for Global Equality is a fiscally sponsored project of Community Initiatives, a California-based nonprofit organization with 501c(3) status. Community Initiatives and its projects do not maintain any registered lobbyists. A small portion of the work of the Council for Global Equality includes Congressional advocacy, which is monitored under the 501(h) election that Community Initiatives maintains. The Board of Directors of Community Initiatives has legal oversight over these advocacy efforts; the President and senior management of Community Initiatives maintain regular programmatic and financial oversight over this project through the Council's own staff and leadership.

The Council maintains an Advisory Committee made up of seven members. The Advisory Committee meets at least once yearly to review Council accomplishments, and to leverage Committee experience in support of Council goals. The Committee also signs key contracts and votes on any salary adjustments. The Committee's three principal staff do not vote.

The Council is made up of organizational members. Each member appoints its representatives to support the collaborative work of the Council. The Council's membership consists of a range of U.S.-based organizations that carry out discrete activities in support of the overall strategic goal of improving America's clear commitment, at home and abroad, to LGBT equality as part of its human rights policies. Membership in the Council has clearly stated criteria, terms and expectations.

As a fiscally sponsored project, the Council's finances are officially reported as part of Community Initiative's annual report and audited financial statements. The Council does not have separately audited statements or annual report. The Council has been generously funded primarily by private foundations. In addition, the Council receives modest annual membership fees from its organizational members.

**AGENDA: Council for Global Equality Trip to San Diego, US/Tijuana, Mexico, May 5-6, 2022**

**May 5, 2022**

**Travel Day**

- |             |  |
|-------------|--|
| 3:00-5:00pm | Delegation arrives to San Diego Pier South Hotel   |
| 5:00-6:00pm | Downtime   |
| 6:00-6:30pm | Welcome Briefing to provide overview of trip and introduce the Council for Global Equality Team and delegates to one another |
| 6:30-8:30pm | Dinner briefing with the Council for Global Equality team to discuss the US-Mexico border, Title 42 and LGBTQTI issues       |

**May 6, 2022**

**San Diego, US/Tijuana, Mexico**

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|---------------|---|
| 8:30-10:00am  | Breakfast with Human Rights and LGBTQTI experts to learn about the day's program and LGBTQTI situation at the border. Discuss with advocates from Guatemala, EL Salvador, Honduras and Mexico.                      |
| 10:00-10:30am | Delegation transfer to the border with briefing in vehicles   |
| 10:30-11:30am | San Ysidro US-Mexico Border crossing  |
| 11:30-12:00pm | Delegation transfers to LGBTQTI shelter with briefing in vehicles   |
| 12:00-1:30pm  | Site Visit 1: Visit LGBTQTI shelter to learn about the services provided to LGBTQTI asylum seekers and understand the importance of community based programs to supporting asylum seekers.                          |
| 1:30-1:45pm   | Transfer to LGBTQTI shelter with briefing in vehicles   |
| 1:45-3:00pm   | Lunch at LGBTQTI shelter with Trans Law Center & Border Butterflies to discuss the legal services provided to LGBTQTI asylum seekers. Understand the legal challenges and bottlenecks in supporting asylum seekers. |
| 3:00-4:00pm   | Conversation with UNHCR-Tijuana to gain social and historical context in the role of international, multinational agencies in supporting asylum seekers.  |
| 4:00-4:30pm   | Transfer to Tijuana border  |
| 4:30-5:30pm   | Cross Mexico-US Border  |
| 5:30-6:00pm   | Transfer to San Diego LGBTQTI Community Center  |

6:00-7:00pm	Press briefing event to discuss trip outcomes with selected local media representatives.
7:00-8:00pm	Closing debrief to discuss lessons learned and next steps when delegation returns to DC
8:00	Delegates transfer to their respective congressional districts

## Addendum B

### Transportation Estimation per person

- o Taxi estimation (return): \$180
- o Vehicles: \$133

### Lodging Estimation per person – \$181

- o \$181 per night x 1 night (San Diego, US) = \$181

### Meals Estimation per person - \$226

- o \$74 (USG M&I per diem for San Diego, US) x 2 days = \$148
- o \$78 (USG M&I per diem for Tijuana, Mexico) x 1 day = \$78

### Other Expenses Estimation per person - \$980

- o Security - \$600
- o Interpreter - \$230
- o Insurance - \$150

Note: Costs are broken down per person.

## **Addendum A:**

We invited the following Members of the House of Representatives, along with correlating staff from their offices. These offices hold a particular interest or relevance to the issue of LGBTQI rights in U.S. foreign and immigration policy which will be the focus of the trip agenda. They are all members of the Congressional LGBTQ+ Equality Caucus. Many of them serve districts in Southern California, close to the border and with impacted populations.

### **Invited Members**

Rep. Mark Takano (Co-Chair of the Congressional LGBTQ+ Equality Caucus, California Delegation)

Rep. Pramila Jayapal (Serves on House Judiciary Committee, the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security)

Rep. Katie Porter (California Delegation)

Rep. Sara Jacobs (California Delegation and Member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee)

Rep. Juan Vargas (California Delegation and Member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee)

Rep. Raul Ruiz, M.D. (California Delegation)

Rep. Alan Lowenthal (California Delegation)

Rep. Scott Peters (California Delegation)

Rep. Mike Levin (California Delegation)

Rep. Joaquin Castro (Member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee)

Rep. Linda Sanchez (California Delegation)

Rep. Nanette Díaz Barragán (California Delegation and House Committee on Homeland Security)

Rep. Adam Schiff (California Delegation)

Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (California Delegation and House Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee)

Rep. Maxine Waters (California Delegation)

Rep. Antonio Cardenas (California Delegation)

Rep. Jimmy Gomez (California Delegation)

Rep. Rep. Judy Chu (California Delegation)

Rep. David Cicilline (Co-Chair of the Congressional LGBTQ+ Equality Caucus and Member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee)

Rep. Dina Titus (House Foreign Affairs Committee)

Invited Staff (list if any)

Jennifer Chan, Legislative Director for Rep. Jayapal.

Anzueth Barela, Field Representative for Rep. Vargas

Cody Mendoza, District Director for Rep. Porter

Paola Guzman, District Director for Rep. Jacobs

Rafael Elizalde, Deputy Chief of Staff for Rep. Takano

Lucas Piñon, Field Representative for Rep. Ruiz



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## TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. **This form and any attachments may be delivered to the Committee at 1015 Longworth or e-mailed to [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).**

**Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date.** Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. **You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.**

Name of Traveler: Raul Ruiz

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): Lauren Gedney

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address: 2342 Rayburn HOB, Washington, D.C. 20515

Telephone Number: 2022255330

Email Address of Contact Person: lauren.gedney@mail.house.gov

Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, *and* these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

**KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM.** Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via e-mail: [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).



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## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Raul Ruiz
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:  
Council for Global Equality
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : San Diego, U.S. & Tijuana, Mexico
4. a. Date of Departure: May 5, 2022 Date of Return: May 6, 2022  
b. Yes  No  Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  
If yes, list dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Yes  No  Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**  
(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) Yes  No  Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age:
6. a. Yes  No  Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?  
b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:
7. Yes  No  *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.  
  
*NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.*
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties.  
**Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**  
As an immigrant himself and the Chairman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC), Congressman Ruiz has invested interest in immigration, LGBTQ+, and foreign relations policy. This trip will provide vital information to create holistic and educated decisions on legislation moving forward. The Congressman's constituents from the 36th district of California face direct impacts from immigration legislation, and this trip will provide a closer look at the situation at the U.S.-Mexico border.
9. **Yes  No  Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

### ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member  Date 04/05/2022

Theodore E. Deutch, Florida  
*Chairman*  
Jackie Walorski, Indiana  
*Ranking Member*

Susan Wild, Pennsylvania  
Dean Phillips, Minnesota  
Veronica Escobar, Texas  
Mondaire Jones, New York

Michael Guest, Mississippi  
Dave Joyce, Ohio  
John H. Rutherford, Florida  
Kelly Armstrong, North Dakota



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Thomas A. Rust  
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*Counsel to the Ranking Member*

1015 Longworth House Office Building  
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May 2, 2022

The Honorable Raul Ruiz  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2342 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to San Diego, California, scheduled for May 5 to 6, 2022, sponsored by Council for Global Equality.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$415 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Theodore E. Deutch  
Chairman

Jackie Walorski  
Ranking Member

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