



U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

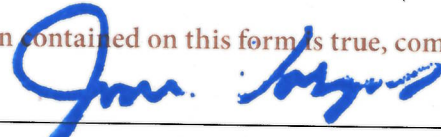
EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual *Financial Disclosure Statements* of those employees required to file them. 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, 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: Juan Vargas
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ OR None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 05/05/2022 Return: 05/06/2022
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ OR None
4. Departure City: San Diego Destination: Tijuana, Mexico Return City: San Diego
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: The Council for Global Equality
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended:
See agenda.
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 employee; **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:

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.
Signature of Traveler:  Date: 05/16/2022

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Name of Supervising Member: Juan Vargas Date: 05/16/2022

Signature of Supervising Member: 



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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.

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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 6, 2022 Date of Return: May 6, 2022

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Representative Juan Vargas

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	\$172	\$0	\$58.75	\$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) 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: Chula Vista, CA
b. Destination(s): San Diego, U.S. & Tijuana, Mexico
c. City of return: Chula Vista, 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	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates			
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:  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

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More information and forms available at ethics.house.gov

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May 2, 2022

The Honorable Juan Vargas
U.S. House of Representatives
2244 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.

Committee travel regulations require that you submit your complete pre-trip approval request to the Committee at least 30 days before the commencement of the trip or it will not be granted. Despite your failure to do so in this instance, we are approving your current request. However, any future requests should adhere to the 30-day requirement.

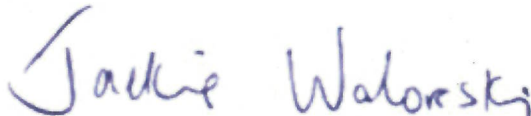
You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this 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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March 30, 2022

The Honorable Juan Vargas
2244 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Vargas:

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 Beime Roose-Snyder to provide further details on the trip and answer any questions you may have. You can reach her directly at beime@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

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

May 5, 2022

Travel Day

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|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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.