

# 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](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: AnnMarie M. Graham-Barnes
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None  
b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: February 18, 2026 Return: February 20, 2026  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None
4. Departure City: Washington, D.C. Destination: Los Angeles, CA Return City: Washington, D.C.
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Innovative Future Collective
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Participated in site visits to understand how companies are utilizing artificial intelligence and the relevant policy considerations surrounding its usage.
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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature of Traveler:  Date: 2/27/2026

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: Brian Mast (FL-21) Date: 2/27/2026

Signature of Supervising Member: 

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## 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 in the trip within 10 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 or provided in-kind support for the trip: Innovative Future Collective
2. Travel Destination(s): Los Angeles, CA
3. Date of Departure: February 18, 2026 Date of Return: February 20, 2026
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Leah Uhrig, Evangelos Razis, AnnMarie Graham-Barnes  
*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	\$856	\$598	\$147	\$75 flight booking fee \$10 snacks on bus for programming day
Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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: 02/25/2026

Name: Ashley Kennedy Title: Board Member/Founder

Organization: Innovative Future Collective

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

Address: 100 M St SE, Suite 330, Washington, DC 20003

Telephone: (202) 546-5004 Email: ashley@innovativefuturecollective

*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.

# INNOVATIVE FUTURE COLLECTIVE



## AGENDA FOR:

Innovative Future Collective's Staff Delegation Learning Trip to Los Angeles

\*All times listed are local to Los Angeles (PT) unless otherwise indicated

### Wednesday, February 18, 2026

- |                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| 12:35 PM - 3:32 PM | <b>United Flight #1689</b><br><i>IAD to LAX</i>   |
| 3:32 PM - 5:00 PM  | <b>Transport to Mondrian Hotel</b><br><i>8440 Sunset Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069</i><br><i>Via Private Charter Bus</i><br><i>13.3 miles, 50 minute drive</i> |
| 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM  | <b>Hotel Check In</b><br><i>8440 Sunset Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069</i>  |
| 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM  | <b>Executive Time for Travellers Before Programming Day</b>   |

### Thursday, February 19, 2026

- |                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM  | <b>Breakfast and Overview Briefing of Day at Hotel</b><br><i>8440 Sunset Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069</i><br><br><i>Speaker: Lacy Broemel, Director of Programming and Sponsor Engagement, IFC</i> |
| 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM  | <b>Transport to Aerovironment (AV)</b><br><i>85 Moreland Rd. Simi Valley, CA 93065</i><br><i>36.9 miles, 1 hr drive</i>  |
| 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM | <b>Visit and Demonstration with Aerovironment (AV)</b><br><i>85 Moreland Rd. Simi Valley, CA 93065</i><br><br><i>Presenter: Matt Melendez, Field Service Representative</i>                          |

**Topic of Discussion:**

*Demonstration will include a tour of the Switchblade production facility. Staff will learn about the software command-and-control interoperability and hear how autonomy and automatic target recognition (ATR) play a role in AV platforms. Additionally, staff will receive an overview of AV's portfolio of capabilities relating to and including AI or other autonomous-capable features.*

10:15 AM - 11:00 AM

**Transport to Disney Studios**

*500 S. Buena Street, Burbank, CA 91521  
33.2 miles, 40 minute drive*

11:00 AM- 12:15 PM

**Visit Disney Studios**

*500 S. Buena Street, Burbank, CA 91521*

**Speakers:** *Horacio Gutierrez, Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Legal and Compliance Officer*

*Jamie Voris, Executive Vice President, Technology Enablement*

**Topic of Discussion:** *The visit will include a tour of the Disney studio lot, focused on history of the Studio and its 100-year legacy of creativity and innovation. The group will then visit StudioLAB to learn about Disney's leadership role in driving innovation and the use of technology to drive the art of storytelling. The discussion will include an exploration and hands-on demonstration of the many ways in which the company is looking to use artificial intelligence to enable human-driven creativity and the consumer experience while driving responsible AI use in the entertainment sector and protecting the rights of creators.*

12:15 PM- 12:45 PM

**Transport to Universal Studios**

*100 Universal City Plaza, Universal City, CA 91608  
3.4 miles, 20 minute drive*

12:45 PM- 2:00 PM

**Lunch at Universal Studios Lot**

*100 Universal City Plaza, Universal City, CA 91608*

**Topic of Discussion:** *Staff delegation discuss learnings of the trip.*

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

**Visit Universal Studios**

100 Universal City Plaza, Universal City, CA 91608

**Speaker:** Horst Sarubin, Senior Director, Film Production Technology

**Topic of Discussion:** The visit will showcase the Evolution of Creativity and Technology. The presentation contextualizes new AI tools and capabilities into the broader context of how humans have historically used technologies to tell stories, including how it fits into uses of technology in the film and tv business. The delegation will receive a brief educational tour on the Universal lot following the briefing.

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

**Transport to Snowflake**

8440 Sunset Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 900699  
6.9 miles, 35 minute drive

4:30 PM- 5:30 PM

**Visit Snowflake**

8440 Sunset Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 900699

**Speaker:** Dr. Erica Reuter, Director of US Public Sector Sales Engineering

**Topic of Discussion:** Learn how Snowflake is delivering for the public sector and sports. Learn how Snowflake's platform is harnessing the power of data and AI to drive operational and performance efficiency, and personalize citizen and fan experiences.

5:30 PM - 5:45 PM

**Transport to Demonstration with BadVR**

8440 Sunset Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 900699

5:45 PM- 6:45 PM

**Demonstration with BadVR**

8440 Sunset Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 900699

**Speakers:**

Suzanne Borders, Co-Founder and CEO, BadVR

Jad Meouchy, Co-Founder and CTO, BadVR

**Topic of Discussion:** Experience VR headsets to view BadVR's innovative immersive data analytics platform. Learn how BadVR's AI technology makes complex data easily understandable to impact fields such as security and real estate.

6:45 PM- 8:45 PM

**Dinner**

*8440 Sunset Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069*

**Friday, February 20, 2026**

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

**Breakfast at Hotel**

*8440 Sunset Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069*

10:00 AM- 11:00 AM

**Transport to LAX**

*1 World Way, Los Angeles, CA 90045*

*Via Private Charter Bus*

*13.3 miles, 50 minutes driving*

12:55 PM- 8:47 PM

**United Flight #1635**

*LAX to IAD*

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## 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's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

**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. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.**

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

Innovative Future Collective, Inc.

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, services, or in-kind assistance 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 attached list.

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

6. Date of Departure: February 18, 2026 Date of Return: February 20, 2026

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC

b. Destination(s): Los Angeles, CA

c. City of return: Washington, DC

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. \_\_\_\_\_

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 the statement is true by clicking the 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:

Innovative Future Collective, Inc (IFC) is a 501(c)3 with IRS-approved tax-exempt status. IFC is committed to helping the public, Congress, and the administration understand artificial intelligence and its applications across industries. IFC will organize and conduct this trip.

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: \_\_\_\_\_)
- 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 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): \$36 for dinner on Feb 18  
\$82 for lunch/dinner on Feb 19

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Los Angeles hosts several leading AI industry and experts who span differing fields and perspectives.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: Mondrian Hotel City: Los Angeles Cost Per Night: \$299

Reason(s) for Selecting: Fair and competitive rates; safe location; see attached doc

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

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	\$856	\$598	\$118
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	\$10	snacks and water during program day
For each Accompanying Family Member		

19. Check only one:

- a.  I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; OR  
 b.  Not Applicable. Tripsponsor 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: 01/12/2026  
 Name: Ashley Kennedy Title: Founder and Board Member  
 Organization: Innovative Future Collective, Inc.  
 Address: 100 M St SE, Suite 330, Washington, DC 20003  
 Email: ashley@innovativefuturecollective.com Telephone: 571-277-3703

If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

Invitation List

James Kirk	Bernhard McPike	Rep. Troy Carter (D-LA-2)	Deputy Chief of Staff	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Parul Shinnola	Desai Alexander	Rep. Mark Takano (D-CA-39) House Energy and Commerce Committee; Subcommittee on Communications and Technology Rep. Sara Jacobs (D-CA)	Chief of Staff Staff Director & Chief Counsel Policy Advisor	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Annie Leah	Brody Uhrig	Rep. Tom Emmer (R-MN-6) Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA-36)	Business Coalitions Director, House Republican Whip Legislative Director	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Peter Kevin	Trapp Knight	Rep. Jason Crow (CO-6) Rep. David Schweikert (R-AZ-1)	Senior Policy Advisor Chief of Staff	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Megan John	Guiltinan Lee	Rep. Andy Barr (R-KY-6) Rep. Nikki Budzinski (D-IL)	Legislative Director/Senior Policy Designee, Financial Services Chief of Staff	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Christopher Matt	Crawford Esguerra	Rep. Buddy Carter (R-GA-1) Rep. Lance Gooden (R-TX-5)	Chief of Staff Chief of Staff	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Monique Neesha	Bolsajjan Suarez	Rep. Gil Cisneros (D-CA-31) Rep. Seth Moulton (D-MA-6)	Legislative Director Chief of Staff	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Lucas Juliana	Lam Dauchess	Rep. Janelle Bynum (D-OR-5) Rep. Lloyd Smucker (R-PA-11)	Legislative Director Legislative Director	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Matt Edwin	Avero Kindler	Rep. Mark Alford (R-MO-4) Rep. Bill Foster (D-IL-11)	Legislative Director Senior Legislative Assistant- AI	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Nisha Andrew	Thanawala Deshler	Rep. Yvette Clarke (D-NY-9) Rep. Andrea Salinas (OR-06)	Senior Policy Advisor Senior Legislative Assistant- AI	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Sean Jesse	Dillon von Stein	Rep. Bill Huizenga (R-MI-4) Rep. Cory Mills (R-FL-7)	Deputy Chief of Staff Legislative Director/Deputy Chief of Staff	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Reed Bradley	Powell Howard	Rep. Greg Steube (R-FL-17) Rep. Greg Stanton (D-AZ-4)	Legislative Director Chief of Staff	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Kyle Dylan	Upton Chandler	Committee on Agriculture- Rep. Gleen "GT" Thompson Rep. Jason Smith (R-MO-8)	Lead AI Policy Legislative Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Jonathan Kaylee	Halpern Robinson	Rep. Sanford Bishop (D-GA-2) Rep. April McClain Delaney (D-MD-6)	Deputy Chief of Staff Deputy Chief of Staff	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Liam Megan	Forsythe Wenrich	Rep. Nanette Barragan (D-CA-44) Rep. Jefferson Shreve (R-IN-6)	Deputy Chief of Staff/Legislative Director Chief of Staff	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Christina	Lassiter	Rep. Kat Cammack (R-FL-3)	Legislative Director	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics

Sarah	Iddrissu	Rep. Yassamin Ansari (D-AZ-3)	Chief of Staff	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Reynolds-				
Keanu	Rivera	Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon (D-PA-5)	Legislative Director/Deputy Chief of Staff	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Layla	Brooks	Rep. LaMonica McIver (D-NJ-10)	Legislative Director	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Alexandra	Shucard	Rep. Steve Cohen (D-TN-9)	Deputy Chief of Staff	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Jerome	Vainisi	Rep. Dan Crenshaw (R-TX-2)	Legislative Director	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Hannah	Fraher	Rep. Mike Haridopolos (R-FL-8)	Chief of Staff	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Toby	Douthat	Rep. Chuck Edwards (R-NC-11)	Chief of Staff	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Krisann	Pearce	Rep. Derek Schmidt (R-KS-2)	Chief of Staff	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Mark	Dreiling	Rep. Don Bacon (R-NE-2)	Chief of Staff	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Reginald	Harris	Rep. Greg Landsman (D-OH-1)	Chief of Staff	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Kevin	Randle	Rep. Robin L. Kelly (IL-02)	Legislative Assistant	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Tony	Presta	Rep. Robin Kelly (D-IL-2)	Deputy Chief of Staff	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Jake	Middlebrooks	Rep. Tracey Mann (R-KS-1)	Deputy Chief of Staff	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Ryan	Kelly	Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-IN-5)	Chief of Staff	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Justin	German	Rep. Haley Stevens (MI-11)	Chief of Staff	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Sequoia	Ragland	Rep. Marc Veasey (TX-33)	Health Policy Advisor	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Evan	Ashley	Rep. Cleo Fields (LA-06)	Deputy Chief of Staff & Legislative Director	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
AnnMarie	Graham-Barnes	Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL-21)	Chief of Staff	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Harrison	Jumper	Houlahan, Rep. Chrissy (D-PA-6)	Deputy Legislative Director	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Will	Burns	Rep. Obermole (R-CA)	Senior Legislative Assistant	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Hannah	So	Rep. Laurel Lee (R-FL)	Legislative Director	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Nate	Beltran	Rep. Marc Veasey (TX-33)	Counsel	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Brooke	Scannell	Rep. Katherine Clark (D-MA)	Chief of Staff	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Will	Siters	Rep. Mike Rogers (R-AL)	Legislative Director	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Gabrielle	Howard	Kamliager, Rep. Sydney (D-CA-37)	Legislative Director	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics
Jordan	Wilson	House Administration Committee, Subcommittee on Modernization	Modernization and Innovation Director	Official Duties Encompass AI Topics

## **LA Hotel Justification 2026**

We explored numerous hotel options. However, given the characteristics we needed in a hotel to fulfill the purposes of the trip, we had to choose a hotel that exceeded the GSA's stipend for the area. The characteristics we needed in a hotel are:

- 1) Audio/Visual and use of the reception for briefing the group before the morning departure
- 2) Proximity to restaurants and meeting locations to decrease transportation cost and travel time, due to the very brief time for programming
- 3) Safe area where participants can walk outside
- 4) On-site hotel food and beverage options late at night and early in the morning due to the schedule and the early departure to the airport and breakfast included in the room cost.
- 5) Capacity to accommodate a large room block so all staff can stay in a safe location together.

When identifying possibilities that met these qualifications, and had the availability for the group of our size, the selected hotel offered the most competitive rate.

### **Background:**

#### *Traffic Time:*

Traffic in and around Los Angeles is incredibly heavy and time consuming. Navigating from one of the other areas of the city, such as Burbank, Hollywood, and Westwood causes a minimum of 30-55 min in the car between stops. Looking at suburbs such as Pasadena added even more time. Due to the brief nature of the trip— 24 hours "on the ground" of programming— we wanted to minimize the group's time in traffic. Therefore, the hotel selected is within central proximity to all site visits and within a short drive to the restaurant at the end of our programming day.

#### *Cost of Transportation:*

The cost of providing group transportation in Los Angeles and the surrounding areas is very high per hour. Due to the location of this hotel, we are able to reduce the transportation costs by allowing the group a close drive to dinner on February 19.

#### *Safety:*

In specific areas of the city, Los Angeles has struggled with significant safety challenges. As the group of staff can be a high target for crime, we were very mindful to do all that is possible to ensure the safety of our group. Therefore, safety of the neighborhood and walkability was an important factor when considering hotels.

#### *Private space in reception/meeting area with AV/Mac Hook up Capabilities:*

In order to gather our group, we wanted a hotel that enabled us to meet and give a brief overview of the day via a slide presentation for the group near the reception without requiring us to reserve a private room (which would increase costs). Few hotels had such space and fewer would allow us to use it. This further restricted the suitable options.

***On-Site Hotel Meal Options:***

**We worked with the hotel to allow for breakfast included in the nightly room rate which lowered per diem meal costs and will save time on transportation on the programming day and travel day.**

## INNOVATIVE FUTURE COLLECTIVE



### AGENDA FOR:

Innovative Future Collective's Staff Delegation Learning Trip to Los Angeles

\*All times listed are local to Los Angeles (PT) unless otherwise indicated

#### **Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

- |                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| 12:35 PM - 3:32 PM | <b>United Flight #1689</b><br><i>IAD to LAX</i>   |
| 3:32 PM - 5:00 PM  | <b>Transport to Mondrian Hotel</b><br><i>8440 Sunset Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069</i><br><i>Via Private Charter Bus</i><br><i>13.3 miles, 50 minute drive</i> |
| 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM  | <b>Hotel Check In</b><br><i>8440 Sunset Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069</i>  |
| 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM  | <b>Executive Time for Travellers Before Programming Day</b>   |

#### **Thursday, February 19, 2026**

- |                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM  | <b>Breakfast and Overview Briefing of Day at Hotel</b><br><i>8440 Sunset Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069</i><br><br><i>Speaker: Lacy Broemel, Director of Programming and Sponsor Engagement, IFC</i>   |
| 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM  | <b>Transport to Aerovironment (AV)</b><br><i>900 Innovators Way, Simi Valley, CA 93065</i><br><i>36.9 miles, 1 hr drive</i>  |
| 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM | <b>Visit and Demonstration with Aerovironment (AV)</b><br><i>900 Innovators Way, Simi Valley, CA 93065</i><br><br><i>Topic of Discussion: Discussion and demonstration of AV's autonomous and unmanned systems powered by AI. Visit will</i> |

*feature a flight demo, and discussion will explore the future of defense.*

10:15 AM - 11:00 AM

**Transport to Disney Studios**  
500 S. Buena Street, Burbank, CA 91521  
33.2 miles, 40 minute drive

11:00 AM- 12:30 PM

**Visit Disney Studios**  
500 S. Buena Street, Burbank, CA 91521

*Topic of Discussion: Tour of studio to demonstrate how Disney is utilizing AI to enhance creative storytelling and setting standards for AI in entertainment, balancing IP use with creator protections.*

12:30 PM- 2:00 PM

**Lunch at Disney Studios Lot**  
500 S. Buena Street, Burbank, CA 91521

*Topic of Discussion: Staff delegation discuss learnings of the trip.*

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

**Transport to Universal Studios**  
100 Universal City Plaza, Universal City, CA 91608  
3.4 miles, 20 minute drive

2:30 PM - 3:45 PM

**Tentative: Visit Universal Studios**  
100 Universal City Plaza, Universal City, CA 91608

*Topic of Discussion: Tour of studio and discussion of how AI-powered tools are being utilized by Universal Studios and exploration of how AI is impacting creative content.*

3:45 PM - 4:30 PM

**Transport to LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Games HQ**  
10900 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90024  
17.2 miles, 40 minute drive

4:30 PM- 5:15 PM

**Tentative: Visit LA28 Olympic and Paralympic Games HQ**  
10900 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90024

*Topic of Discussion: Learn how LA28 is utilizing AI to optimize logistics, personalize fan experiences, aid athlete training with data analysis, and is streamlining broadcasting with AI-generated content, aiming to create the most technologically advanced Games ever.*

5:15 PM - 5:45 PM

**Transport to Demonstration with BadVR**  
8465 Holloway Dr, West Hollywood, CA 90069  
6.3 miles, 20 minute drive

5:45 PM- 6:45 PM

**Demonstration with BadVR**  
8465 Holloway Dr, West Hollywood, CA 90069

**Speakers:**

Suzanne Borders, Co-Founder and CEO, BadVR  
Jad Meouchy, Co-Founder and CTO, BadVR

**Topic of Discussion:** Experience VR headsets to view BadVR's innovative immersive data analytics platform. Learn how BadVR's AI technology makes complex data easily understandable to impact fields such as security and real estate.

6:45 PM- 8:45 PM

**Dinner**  
8465 Holloway Dr, West Hollywood, CA 90069

8:45 PM - 9:15 PM

**Transport to Hotel**  
8440 Sunset Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069  
Via Ubers  
.5 miles, 5 minute drive

**Friday, February 20, 2025**

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

**Breakfast at Hotel**  
8440 Sunset Blvd, West Hollywood, CA 90069

10:00 AM- 11:00 AM

**Transport to LAX**  
1 World Way, Los Angeles, CA 90045  
Via Private Charter Bus  
13.3 miles, 50 minutes driving

12:55 PM- 8:47 PM

**United Flight #1635**  
LAX to IAD

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: ANNMARIE GRAHAM-BARNES
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: INNOVATIVE FUTURE COLLECTIVE, INC.
3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel: LOS ANGELES, CA
4. a. Date of Departure: 2/19/2020 Date of Return: 2/20/2020  
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, invitation, 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 CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - WHICH HAS JURISDICTION OVER EXPORT CONTROLS - UNDERSTANDING AI WILL ENHANCE MY ABILITY TO ADVISE THE CHAIRMAN ON POLICY.

9. Yes  No  Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in 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: 1/14/25

Michael Guest, Mississippi  
*Chairman*  
Mark DeSaulnier, California  
*Ranking Member*

Andrew R. Garbarino, New York  
Ashley Hinson, Iowa  
Nathaniel Moran, Texas  
Brad Knott, North Carolina

Deborah K. Ross, North Carolina  
Glenn F. Ivey, Maryland  
Sylvia R. Garcia, Texas  
Suhas Subramanyam, Virginia



ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH CONGRESS

**U.S. House of Representatives**

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Thomas A. Rust  
*Staff Director and Chief Counsel*

Jordan Downs  
*Chief of Staff to the Chairman*

David Arrojo  
*Counsel to the Ranking Member*

1015 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-6328  
Telephone: (202) 225-7103  
<https://Ethics.House.gov>

February 12, 2026

Ms. Ann Marie Graham-Barnes  
Office of the Honorable Brian J. Mast  
2182 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Graham-Barnes:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Los Angeles, California, scheduled for February 18 to 20, 2026, sponsored by Innovative Future Collective, Inc.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) 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. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$525 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,

Michael Guest  
Chairman

Mark DeSaulnier  
Ranking Member

MG/MD:nl