

# GREATER **LONDON** AUTHORITY

**(By email)**

Our reference: MGLA120522-0769

Date: 09 June 2022

Dear

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 11 May 2022. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

*The information i am asking for is on the trip that Sadiq Khan had to America in the month of may 2022*

- 1. what was to travel cost of the plane and any hire cars for the USA trip*
- 2. cost of any hotel used America by Sadiq Khan paid for by UK taxpayer paid for the USA trip*
- 3. i want any extra cost of other people travelling with Sadiq Khan paid for by the UK tax payer*
- 4. What place did Sadiq Khan visit on behalf of UK to represent London*
- 5. And did Sadiq Khan visit any person not link to UK (London)trip I,E family ,friend or private personal business*

Our response:

I can confirm that the GLA holds information within the scope of your request.

The Mayor's visit to New York, San Francisco, Silicon Valley and Los Angeles between 8 and 12 May 2022 was his first international visit since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Banging the drum for London in key international markets is a core part of the Mayor's work to secure the economic and social recovery of London.

In New York, the Mayor:

- launched the largest international tourism campaign that London has ever seen to attract American visitors to London

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- announced a long-term partnership between London and Major League Baseball (MLB) alongside Rob Manfred, MLB Commissioner. This will deliver more MLB games in London and bring baseball to more Londoners at grassroots level
- attended a business dinner hosted by Mike Bloomberg to discuss tourism, culture and trade
- met with Secretary Hilary Clinton to discuss UK-US relations and the need for cities and national governments to work together
- spoke to over 75 business leaders at a London & Partners trade and investment reception on opportunities in London and the importance of diversity, equality and inclusion (DEI) in scaling tech companies.

In San Francisco and Silicon Valley, the Mayor:

- was joined by 11 female founders of London-based companies that are taking part in London & Partners' *BeyondHERizons* programme
- held a series of meetings with entrepreneurs and business leaders to bang the drum for even more investment in London. This included meetings with Ruth Porat, Chief Financial Officer at Google; Reid Hoffman, co-founder of LinkedIn; and Saeed Amidi, CEO and Founder of Plug and Play, the world's largest early-stage investor which recently announced that it is setting up its first UK operations in London and Warwickshire.
- accepted an invitation from the Stanford Speakers Bureau to take part in a guest interview series with Stanford University faculty students. During this discussion, which was broadcast online, the Mayor discussed his priorities for London, including how global cities and tech companies can and must lead the way in making our future greener and fairer
- attended a high-level roundtable with senior investors and business leaders to hear their perspectives about London and how the city can position itself to continue to attract record levels of investment
- spoke at a London and Partners' trade and investment reception on why London continues to be the most popular destination for US companies
- was honoured to throw the ceremonial first pitch at Oracle Park in San Francisco ahead of the game between the San Francisco Giants and Colorado Rockies, in support of the MLB announcement

In Los Angeles, the Mayor:

- spoke at an interfaith event hosted by the Muslim Public Affairs Council at the Islamic Centre of Southern California
- joined representatives from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), LA City Hall, public health officials and licensed cannabis retailers and growers at a lessons-learned roundtable discussion, convened by the LA Department for Cannabis Regulation (DCR)
- spoke with some of California's most exciting businesses at a business breakfast roundtable, at which he invited them to choose London for future investments, and to

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collaborate with London's fastest growing creative technology businesses, 14 of which had joined the Mayor in LA as part of his Mayor's International Business Programme (MIBP)

- showcased London as a global leader for film in a roundtable with senior executives from Hollywood, becoming the first Mayor to bang the drum for London's film industry in Los Angeles.
- spoke at a creative industries reception at the newly-launched Holloway House, which was attended by influential representatives of the UK and US TV, fashion and film industries, including James Corden and Richard Curtis
- announced a ground-breaking talent partnership at Universal Studios alongside Dame Donna Langley, Chair of Universal Filmed Entertainment Group, and Adrian Wootton, CEO of Film London. This will see young Londoners from diverse backgrounds take part in NBCUniversal's Below-the Line Traineeship
- accompanied the Mayor of Los Angeles and previous Chair of C40 on a visit to the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI) on a showcase of how LA and London are working together to improve air quality by delivering zero emissions vehicles.

Please find below and attached the information we hold within the scope of your request:

## ***"what was to travel cost of the plane and any hire cars for the USA trip"***

As with previous international visits, the Mayor and the GLA are fully committed to keeping costs to a minimum and maximising value for money.

The total cost for the City Hall delegation was £34,263.93. This includes flights costs of £2,802.36, accommodation £9,624.09, ground transport of £21,108.45 and miscellaneous costs of £572.52. The cost of the flight per person was £254.76

## ***"cost of any hotel used America by Sadiq Khan paid for by UK taxpayer paid for the USA trip"***

The hotels used by the delegation during the visit were selected from a list of 'marker' hotels recommended by the British Consulates in New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The hotels chosen for the visit were.

- Lexington Hotel New York (four star), £236.66 per person per night.
- Orchard Garden Hotel San Francisco (four star), £187.41 per person per night.
- Double Tree Hilton Downtown Los Angeles (four star), £182.71

## ***"i want any extra cost of other people travelling with Sadiq Khan paid for by the UK tax payer"***

Please refer to information provided in your first question above.

We anticipate any further expense claims will be submitted in the coming weeks.

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You are welcome to refer to the expenses for the Mayor, the Deputy Mayors and Mayoral Directors who joined the visit. These are routinely published as below:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/people/mayoral/sadiq-khan/expenses>

<https://www.london.gov.uk/people/mayoral/rajesh-agrawal/expenses>

<https://www.london.gov.uk/people/mayoral/justine-simons-obe/expenses>

<https://www.london.gov.uk/people/mayoral/ali-picton/expenses>

<https://www.london.gov.uk/people/mayoral/sarah-brown/expenses>

<https://www.london.gov.uk/people/mayoral/felicity-appleby/expenses>

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Please see final record of all engagements, attached.

## **Further information**

Further information about the purpose and content of the Mayor’s visit can be found here:

- <https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/sadiq-heads-to-america-to-bang-the-drum-for-london>
- <https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/mayor-launches-new-international-tourism-campaign>
- <https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/mayor-in-silicon-valley-to-on-tech-mission>
- <https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/london-and-la-work-to-tackle-the-climate-emergency>
- It will also be covered in the next Mayor’s [Report to the Assembly](#)

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA120522-0769.

Yours sincerely

**Information Governance Officer**

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If you are unhappy with the way the GLA has handled your request, you may complain using the GLA's FOI complaints and internal review procedure, available at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>



**Final itinerary: Mayoral visit to New York City, San Francisco, Silicon Valley and Los Angeles 8-12 May 2022**

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**Sunday 8 May: LDN-NYC**

Activity	Location
Fly London Heathrow to Newark International, New York	
Meeting with Michael Bloomberg	Three Guys Diner Madison Avenue
Business dinner hosted by Michael Bloomberg	Bloomberg Philanthropies

**Monday 9 May: New York**

Activity	Location
MSNBC Morning Joe show	Rockefeller Plaza
Meeting with Mayor of New York City, Eric Adams	City Hall
Tourism campaign launch	Times Square
Meeting with Major League Baseball Commissioner, Robert D Manfred Jr	Avenue of the Americas
Meeting with Secretary Hilary Clinton	Clinton Foundation Offices Broadway
London & Partners Trade & Investment Reception	JP Morgan Madison Av
Fly Newark to San Francisco International	

**Tuesday 10 May: San Francisco/Silicon Valley**

Activity	Location
Meeting with Plug and Play Chief Executive Officer, Saeed Amidi, and L&P Female Founders delegation	Plug and Play Sunnyvale
Meeting with Google Chief Financial Officer, Ruth Porat	Google Campus, Mountain View
Student Interview with Stanford Speakers Bureau	CEMEX Auditorium Stanford University
Meeting with LinkedIn co-founder, Reid Hoffman	Gates Building, Stanford University
Senior business and VC roundtable	Atherton
London & Partners Trade and Investment Reception	Shack15 San Francisco
Giants v Colorado Rockies baseball game incl. meeting with Mayor of San Francisco and British Consul General in San Francisco	Oracle Park

**Day 3, Wednesday 11 May: Los Angeles**

Activity	Location
Fly San Francisco International to Burbank Airport	
Interfaith community event with Muslim Public Affairs Council	Islamic Centre of Southern California
Meeting with Mayor of Los Angeles, Eric Garcetti	City Hall
Cannabis regulation fact-finding roundtable convened by Department of Cannabis Regulation	City Hall
Visit to Traditional (Cultivator)	Olympics Boulevard
Visit to Gorilla Rx (Retail dispensary)	Crenshaw Blvd
Film Industry Roundtable	Holloway House
Mayor's Culture & Creative Industries Reception	Holloway House

**Day 4, Thursday 12 May: Los Angeles**

Activity	Location
London & Partners Foreign Direct Investment roundtable	Second Home
Visit to Universal Pictures	Universal Pictures
Meeting with Chair of Universal Filmed Entertainment Group, Dame Donna Langley	Universal Pictures
Press event with Dame Donna Langley	Universal Pictures
C40 discussion with Mayor of Los Angeles Eric Garcetti and EVs 'show and tell'	Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator
Fly Los Angeles to London	

