

**(By email)**

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Dear

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 17 May 2022. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

1. *What was the overall cost to City Hall of the trip for the Mayor and all of his staff, inclusive of travel, accommodation, subsistence, expenses etc? If not all of the costs have been calculated yet then please provide details of those that have been.*
2. *How many people accompanied the Mayor and what were their titles ie 1 chief of staff, 2 press officers, 3 security guards etc*
3. *How many flights did they Mayor take, what did they cost and was he in first class, business, standard on each of them?*
4. *Which hotels did the Mayor stay in and what was the cost for each stay?*
5. *Which restaurants did they Mayor eat in and what was the cost for each meal?*
6. *Please supply a copy of his diary for the trip or a list of meetings he had or hospitality received*
7. *Did the Mayor receive any donations or contributions from anyone - business people or politicians or charities etc, either in the UK or US - towards the cost of the trip? If so please provide details.*

Our response:

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
- 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 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.

## **Overall cost to City Hall**

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 Mayor's proportion for flights, accommodation and meals are:

- Flights: £254.76
- 4 nights of hotel accommodation: £794.19
- Meals: £35.51
- Total: £1,084.46

We anticipate any additional expense claims and associated receipts will be submitted in the coming weeks.

You are welcome to refer to the expenses for the Mayor, the Deputy Mayors and Mayoral Directors who joined the visit at:

<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>

### **How many people accompanied the Mayor and titles**

Eight City Hall officials accompanied the Mayor, in line with previous international visits.

- Alison Picton, Mayoral Director, Operations
- Sarah Brown, Mayoral Director, Communications
- Felicity Appleby, Mayoral Director, Political & Public Affairs
- Senior Advisor, Strategic Engagement
- Head of Media
- Head of International Relations
- Principal International Relations Officer
- Advisor to the Mayor Communications

In keeping with previous international visits, two Deputy Mayors in charge of particularly relevant policy areas visited the USA at the same time as the Mayor in order to maximise the impact of the visit. They joined the Mayor at some of his engagements as needed but carried out their own programme of additional meetings to promote London in-market:

- Rajesh Agrawal, Deputy Mayor for Business (San Francisco only)
- Justine Simons, Deputy Mayor for Culture & Creative Industries (Los Angeles only)

The Mayor was also accompanied by a media delegation:

- Health and City Hall Editor, Evening Standard
- Correspondent, LBC
- Chief Political Photographer, Press Association Photography
- Comment and Features Editor, City AM
- Reporter, BBC London
- Reporter, BBC London
- Cameraman, BBC London
- Reporter, ITV
- Cameraman, ITV
- Home Affairs Editor, The Times
- Journalist, POLITICO (New York only)
- The Guardian (San Francisco only)

## **Mayor's flights**

All expenditure for the Mayor's visit was in line with the Greater London Authority (GLA)'s [Expenses and Benefits Framework](#). United Airlines supported the visit through a package of flights where only taxes and fees were payable. Costs for all flights were therefore £254.76 per person. The agreement with United Airlines was for business class flights from London to New York, New York to San Francisco and Los Angeles to London, and economy class flights from San Francisco to Los Angeles.

## **Mayor's hotels**

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 delegation stayed at the following hotels during the visit.

- 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

## **Mayor's restaurant costs**

Breakfast in each city was provided as part of the hotel agreement.

Lunch on each day was provided by the host of a meeting or event, except for Tuesday 10 May when a sandwich lunch was purchased by the GLA. The cost was £14 per person.

Dinner on each day was provided either as part of a flight booking or by the host of a meeting or event, except for Wednesday 11 May when the delegation ate at Manuela restaurant in Los Angeles - see <https://www.manuela-la.com/> for further information. The cost was £21.51 per person.

## **Diary or list of meetings**

See final record of all engagements attached.

## **Any donations or contributions towards the cost of the trip**

Funding for the visit came from existing GLA budgets.

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## **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 MGLA170522-1160.

Yours sincerely

## **Information Governance Officer**

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<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	

