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**Limerick City
& County Council**

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To the Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City & County Council

RE: Attendance at a number of Civic and Economic Meetings in Austin, Texas and Santa Clara, California

The Mayor, of the City and County Of Limerick, was invited by the Mayors of Austin Texas and Santa Clara, California to attend events in these cities. The purpose of the invites is to re-activate our Sister City relationships, following the COVID lockdown. These invites were for early June and arrangements were put in place to accept these invitations and to travel to the USA on week commencing the 5th of June

As well as attending, Civic events, the Economic development department put an extensive itinerary around economic events to reconnect with our partners in these cities. This trip was a great opportunity for promoting Limerick as an economic and cultural destination and was a fantastic opportunity to engage in discussion around opportunities in the updated Limerick 2030 Economic & Spatial Plan and the recently developed Diaspora Engagement Strategy, Global Limerick 2021 -2025 to attract investment into Limerick. The attached report details the events attended on this visit.

The cost of the trip (Flights & Accommodation) was around €2,500.

In accordance with section 145 (5) of the local Government Act 2001, as amended, the retrospective approval of the Council is hereby sought for the attendance of Councillor Daniel Butler, Mayor of the City & County of Limerick at these events.

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Vincent Murray

A/Director of Services, Economic Development & Enterprise.