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**Subject:** RE: Official City Travel Disclosure February 2023 - Mary Ellen Messner

Good afternoon,

Please accept this email as confirmation that Mary Ellen Messner, CPL First Deputy Commissioner attended the 2023 Knight Media Forum and Knight Library Conference on February 20 through February 23, 2023, in Miami, FL. Ms. Messner attended this conference on official City business and met with other library experts regarding the future of library services, recent concerns surrounding banned books and brainstorm opportunities to encourage support for libraries nationwide.

Expenses for registration, flight and lodging will be paid directly by the Knight Foundation. Meals and ground transportation will be covered by the City.

Best, Ebony

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