

# ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT



## STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** 10/13/2021

**Staff Report No. 21-466**

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**TO:** AC Transit Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Linda A. Nemeroff, District Secretary  
**SUBJECT:** Travel Authorization

### ACTION ITEM

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

Consider authorizing lodging expenses for President Ortiz and Vice President Young to attend the Platinum Advisors 2021 Annual Client Retreat on October 19-20, 2021, in Sonoma, California.

#### **STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE:**

Goal - Strong Public and Policymaker Support

The Platinum Advisors 2021 Annual Client Retreat provides attendees the time to meet with agency representatives, government peers, and legislative and government professionals to discuss topics and emerging issues important to the District.

#### **BUDGETARY/FISCAL IMPACT:**

Lodging expenses are estimated at \$1,000 for up to two nights.

#### **BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

Platinum Advisors has extended an invitation to President Ortiz and Vice President Young to attend their Annual Client Retreat in Sonoma, California on October 19-20, 2021. The retreat will provide panel discussions with top industry insiders, elected officials and Platinum's staff on the economic and political landscape in California.

Pursuant to Board Policy 155, no reimbursement is authorized for overnight accommodations in the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, or San Mateo. However, Directors may receive reimbursement for overnight accommodations in the counties of Marin, Napa, Santa Clara, Solano and Sonoma, if prior Board approval is obtained. As the Platinum Client Retreat is being held in Sonoma County, approval is sought to allow reimbursement of lodging expenses.

In accordance with Policy 155, the Board is asked to authorize lodging expenses for the President and Vice President associated with the Platinum Advisors 2021 Annual Client Retreat.

***Travel Ban Disclosure: Not applicable.***

**ADVANTAGES/DISADVANTAGES:**

The retreat will provide a unique opportunity for the Board President and Vice President to meet elected leaders, policymakers and Platinum Advisors staff about legislation and other areas of importance to the District. The impact of their attendance at the retreat is entirely positive.

**ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS:**

There are no practical alternatives to the course of action recommended in this report.

**PRIOR RELEVANT BOARD ACTION/POLICIES:**

Board Policy 155 - Travel and Meeting Expense Reimbursements for Directors and Board Officers.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None

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