



CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

Nadeem A. Mazen
City Councillor

June 12th 2014

Dear City Clerk,

Please place attached letter in communications and reports from city officials for the council meeting on Monday June 16th.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nadeem Mazen".

Councillor Nadeem Mazen



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Dear Fellow Council Members,

Pursuant to the travel policy of the Cambridge City Council, I am writing to request the approval of the Council to attend the 10th Annual International Fab Lab Conference in Barcelona, Spain. I will be attending the conference from July 2nd 2014 to July 8th 2014 and am applying a portion of my travel budget to cover hotel stay, transit within Barcelona, and per diem.

On July 1, I will be departing for Barcelona to represent the City of Cambridge at FAB 10, the 10th International Fab Lab Conference. "Fab Labs" are Fabrication Laboratories—for rapid prototyping, hands-on education, and youth design training. FAB 10 Barcelona will gather the international non-profit Fab Lab community from more than 250 laboratories, based in more than 40 countries around the world, in order to share projects, programs, and processes in a spirit of collaboration. I have two goals in attending this event, in service of the public interest:

1. The Fab Foundation has expressed an interest in hosting next year's larger FAB 11 conference in Cambridge. City Manager Rich Rossi has likewise communicated his interest that the City of Cambridge facilitate this important event. I will be meeting with key organizers, including senior City of Barcelona staff and Fab Foundation staff, in order to understand and document how Cambridge can help replicate the best elements of FAB 10, in preparation for FAB 11.
2. Attending this event will provide an incredible opportunity to network and learn, in service of those city programs and community spaces that have expressed an interest in hands on learning, interdisciplinary STEAM curricula, and equitable access.

Information about the conference can be found at www.fab10.org . Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this trip.

Sincerely,

Councillor Nadeem Mazen