



November 18, 2024

Board of Retirement  
Ventura County Employees' Retirement Association  
1190 S. Victoria Avenue, Suite 200  
Ventura, CA 93003

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION FOR CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER TO ATTEND THE GARTNER CIO LEADERSHIP FORUM, FEBRUARY 24-25, 2025, IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA**

Dear Board Members:

Staff requests authorization for Chief Technology Officer, Leah Oliver, to attend the Gartner CIO Leadership Forum, February 24-25, 2025, in Phoenix, Arizona.

The CIO Leadership Forum is an exclusive community of Chief Information Officers (CIO) and Chief Technology Officers (CTO) that are given the opportunity to interact with Gartner experts and peers on critical enterprise priorities IT Executives face today. This conference is centered on the CIO/CTO role as the leader of the digital experience and building leadership and executive skills needed to accelerate innovative business and technology strategies. Some of the specific topics covered are: Artificial Intelligence, Business Value of IT, Cybersecurity, Digital Business Transformation, Innovation, Leadership, Culture and Change, Democratization of Digital Delivery, Strategic Planning and Execution, Positive Leadership, and more.

The conference admission of \$3,700 per attendee is included as part of the Gartner Executive Manager Program, therefore the only costs expected are \$2,500 for travel-related accommodations. Funds for Ms. Oliver's attendance are included in the 2024-25 fiscal year's budget.

**RECOMMENDATION APPROVE.**

Staff will respond to any of your questions on this matter at the November 18, 2024, Disability & Business Meeting.

Sincerely,

Leah Oliver  
Chief Technology Officer