


**DISCLOSURE BY ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE  
OF TRAVEL EXPENSES SERVING A LEGITIMATE PUBLIC PURPOSE  
AS REQUIRED BY 930 CMR 5.08(2)(d)2.**

ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION	
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<b>Write an X to confirm each statement.</b>	<p>I am filing this disclosure because:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am going to engage in an activity that serves a legitimate public purpose, i.e., it is intended to promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality; and</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A non-public entity (but not a lobbyist) has offered to reimburse, waive or pay travel expenses and costs worth more than \$50.</p>
<b>ACTIVITY THAT SERVES A LEGITIMATE PUBLIC PURPOSE</b>	
Describe the activity which is the reason for traveling.	Traveling to Ponta Delgada to join elected political leaders in participating in the inauguration of the Sahar Hassamain Synagogue
Describe your participation in the activity.	I have been actively involved in the restoration of the synagogue with the Azorean Jewish Heritage Foundation to raise funds to help with the restoration.
Date, time and location of activity.	April 22 – 26, 2015 Ponta Delgada, Azores
Please explain how the activity will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality.	This activity will promote the bilateral relationship between the United States and Portugal

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TRAVEL EXPENSES	
Identify the person or organization that offered to reimburse, waive or pay your travel expenses.	Municipality of Ponta Delgada, Azores Autonomous Regional Government of Ponta Delgada, Azores Dr. Augusto de Athayde Azorean Jewish Heritage Foundation (AJHF) Columbia Travel, Fall River, MA
Address of person or organization.	Various organizations donating through the AJHF AJHF P.O. Box 143 Somerset, MA 02726
Provide information in as much detail as possible:	<b>Itemization and explanation of amounts offered:</b>
Transportation:	<i>Air, train, bus, and taxi fare and rental car hire, etc.</i>  Bus transportation, Transfers from airport, and sightseeing tours Ground approx. \$100.00 per person
Lodging:	<i>Overnight accommodations.</i>
Meals:	<i>Breakfast, lunch, dinner, special events.</i>  1 Lunch, 3 Dinners, and 2 Receptions Meals, approx. \$150.00 per person
Admission:	<i>Registration, admission, tickets, etc.</i>
Other (please list):	<i>Refreshment, instruction, materials, entertainment, etc.</i>
Total:	Approx. \$ 250.00
Write an X beside any relevant statement.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>I have attached the relevant itinerary.</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>I have attached the relevant agenda.</b>
For the exemption to apply, check off <u>both statements.</u>	Having disclosed the facts above, I determine that:  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acceptance of the reimbursement, waiver or payment of travel expenses will serve a legitimate public purpose i.e., it will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality; AND  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Such public purpose outweighs any special non-work related benefit to me or to the person providing the reimbursement, waiver or payment.
Employee signature:	
Date:	4/8/15

Attach additional pages if necessary.

Elected state or county employees – file with the State Ethics Commission.

Members of the General Court – file with the House or Senate clerk or the State Ethics Commission.

Elected municipal employee – file with the City Clerk or Town Clerk.

Elected regional school committee member – file with the clerk or secretary of the committee.

## ***Draft itinerary***

### **Wednesday, April 22**

- 12:30 P.M. Depart Lisbon for Ponta Delgada
- 1:45 P.M. Arrive at Ponta Delgada, Azores
- Check in- Hotel Talisman
- 3:00 P.M. Genealogy conference (Please signup) with José Mello
- 6:30 P.M. Cocktail reception hosted by Mayor José Manuel Bolieiro, City Hall.
- 8:00 P.M. Dinner hosted by President Vasco Cordeiro

### **Thursday, April 23**

- 11:00 A.M. Bus departs hotel to Palace for Tribute to U.S. Presidents who visited Azores, and stayed at Palace of José do Canto gardens.
- 12:00 P.M. Lunch hosted by Dr. Augusto de Athayde, Count of Albuquerque and President of the Order of Malta in Portugal.
- 2:30 P.M. Depart palace to the Sahar Hassamain Synagogue at Rua do Brum No. 16
- 3:30 P.M. Re-dedication of the synagogue of Ponta Delgada.
- 7:00 P.M. Dinner hosted by Mayor José Manuel Bolieiro, at Hotel Marina.

### **Friday, April 24**

- 9:30 A.M. Depart hotel for sightseeing with stops at Ribeira Grande, overlook of Santa Iria, Gorreana tea factory and Furnas.
- 2:30 P.M. Return to Ponta Delgada with a stop at Vila Franca.
- 8:00 P.M. Sunset religious service at Sahar Hassamain Synagogue.  
(Sunset is at 8:26 P.M.)

### **Saturday, April 25**

- 10:00 A.M. Possible Shabatt Service Or (optional)
- 10:00A.M. Visit to Sete Cidades
- 2:30 P.M. Return to Ponta Delgada
- 5:00 P.M. Cocktail hosted by Azorean Jewish Heritage Foundation at Hotel Marina.
- \*\*7:00 P.M. Dinner hosted by Columbia Travel, MareSerra Restaurant, Sao Roque.

### **Sunday, April 26**

- Return to U.S.

**\*\*Dinner for passengers booked through Columbia Travel only.**