


**DISCLOSURE BY NON-ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
OF TRAVEL EXPENSES SERVING A LEGITIMATE PUBLIC PURPOSE
AS REQUIRED BY 930 CMR 5.08(2)(d)1.**

	NON-ELECTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
Name of non-elected public employee:	Michael Clark
Title/ Position	Senior Advisor and Director of Strategic Engagement Office of Senator Eric P. Lesser
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Write an X to confirm each statement.	<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>
	ACTIVITY THAT SERVES A LEGITIMATE PUBLIC PURPOSE
Describe the activity which is the reason for traveling.	The American Israel Public Affairs Committee has invited me to participate in an 8-day educational trip funded by the American Israel Education Foundation, a 501c3 subsidiary of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. The trip is comprised of both elected officials and legislative/government employees and will allow us to learn about the American-Israel relationship and its ties to Massachusetts
Describe your participation in the activity.	I will participate in the trip as an opportunity to gather information and inform the work of the office in which I am employed
Date, time and location of activity.	Saturday February 11 to Sunday February 19, 2017
Please explain how the activity will promote the interests of the Commonwealth, a county or a municipality.	This intensive educational seminar will explore critical policy and security issues affecting both Israel and the United States. The program will include discussion with current and former Israeli government officials, Palestinian Authority representatives, and leading academic and journalists. Through on-site visits and seminars, I will have the opportunity to learn about innovative Israeli approaches to international and domestic issues. In my official duties, I have worked closely with the Israeli Consul-General to New England in an effort to promote Israeli investment in the Springfield area. Because Israel is considered the start-up nation, I believe this experience will help me develop a better sense of the opportunities that exist in for the Springfield Region.

DETERMINATION BY APPOINTING AUTHORITY

	APPOINTING AUTHORITY INFORMATION
Name of Appointing Authority:	Senator Eric P. Lesser
Agency and Title/Position:	Massachusetts State Senator
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Employee who filed the disclosure:	Michael Clark
	DETERMINATION
To give approval, check <u>both</u> statements.	<p>Upon consideration of the facts disclosed by the employee above, I find that:</p> <p><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</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Such public purpose outweighs any special non-work related benefit to the employee or the person providing the reimbursement, waiver or payment.</p>
Reason that the employee's travel or attendance will serve a legitimate public purpose:	This intensive educational seminar will explore critical policy and security issues affecting both Israel and the United States. The program will include discussions with current and former Israeli government officials, Palestinian Authority representatives and leading academics and journalists. Through on-site visits or seminars, you will have the opportunity to learn about innovative Israeli approaches to international and domestic issues.
Appointing Authority signature:	
Date:	2/6/2017

Attach additional pages if necessary.

The appointing authority should maintain the disclosure as a public record and give a copy of any signed determination to the employee.

2:15 PM	<i>Israeli-Palestinian Relations Post-UNSC 2334 – Palestinian perspective</i> Meeting with a representative of the PLO - at the American Colony Hotel
3:30 PM	Depart
4:00 PM	<i>Strategic Survey of Jerusalem, Part II:</i> <i>Post-1967 Neighborhoods</i>
4:30 PM	Depart for the Knesset En route: <i>Israeli Politics Primer</i> With Tom Sawicki Passports / security check
5:15 PM	<i>Democracy in Action – Visit to the Knesset</i> Meeting with Members of Knesset - The Honorable Avi Dichter (Likud Party) - The Honorable Karin Elharar (Yesh Atid Party)
6:30 PM	Depart
7:00 PM	Return to hotel
8:00 PM	<i>Israeli-Palestinian Relations Post-UNSC 2334 – Israeli perspective</i> Dinner with David Keyes, Spokesperson, The Office of the Prime Minister - at the hotel
9:30 PM	Dinner ends Overnight at Mamila Hotel PLEASE PREPARE FOR NEXT MORNING'S CHECKOUT

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017

7:55 AM	Checkout Luggage in the lobby Breakfast on own - at the hotel, Main Dining Hall
8:00 AM	Depart
8:30 AM	<i>The Significance of the Holocaust in Israeli Society</i> Guided visit to Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum

9:15 AM	Session ends
9:30 AM	Depart
10:00 AM	<i>The Desalination Era Is Here</i> Visit to the Sorek Desalination Plant
11:00 AM	Depart
12:15 PM	Lunch - at Netachim
1:00 PM	Depart
1:15 PM	<i>Israel's Southern Front Concerns</i> Briefing at the Nir Am overlook
1:45 PM	Depart
2:00 PM	<i>Living in the Shadow of Rocket Fire</i> Visit to Kibbutz Kfar Aza Meeting with a Tzachi Levy, local resident
3:00 PM	Depart
4:15 PM	<i>Birdseye View of Israel</i> - at the rooftop of the Azrieli Tower
4:45 PM	<i>Values in the Israel Defense Forces</i> Discussion with IDF officers and soldiers on the IDF's Code of Ethics and service of LGBT soldiers
6:00 PM	Depart, return to hotel
7:30 PM	Depart for dinner
8:00 PM	<i>Israel's Global Footprint</i> Dinner with Israelis making a difference around the world - Tzameret Fuerst, CIRC Med Tech - Alon Metrikin-Gold, MobileODT - Saliy Oren, IsraAID - Sivan Ya'ari, InnovationAfrica
9:45 PM	Dinner ends Overnight at the Carlton Hotel

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9:00 AM	<i>Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee</i> Visit to historical and religious sites around the Sea of Galilee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mt. of Beatitudes – Sermon on the Mount - St. Peter's Church – Primacy of Peter - Capernaum – Jesus's village
11:00 AM	Depart, travel up to the Golan Heights
11:45 AM	<i>Israel's Northern Border Concerns, Part II: Border with Syria</i> Tour and strategic briefing with Cpt. (Res.) Ilan Shulman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - at Ein Zivan ***SECURITY SITUATION PERMITTING***
1:00 PM	Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - at Pelter's
2:15 PM	Depart, travel back to Jerusalem
5:00 PM	Check into Mamila Hotel
6:00 PM	Depart for dinner
6:30 PM	<i>Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem</i> Traditional Sabbath Eve dinner Overnight at Mamila Hotel
<u>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017</u>	
7:30 AM	Breakfast on own <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - at the hotel, Main Dining Hall
8:00 AM	Depart
9:00 AM	Visit to the Transboundary Water Basin Management Project Meeting with Dr. Clive Lipchin and Ahmad Injourn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -at Auja in the Jordan Valley
10:00 AM	Depart
11:30 AM	<i>Ancient Roots in a Modern Land</i> Visit to the Masada National Archeological Park
1:00 PM	Depart
1:30 PM	Lunch, followed by Exploration of the Dead Sea Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - at Herods Hotel