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Nelson traveling country with Waukesha message; Mayor heading from coast to coast in coming weeks

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WAUKESHA - Mayor Larry Nelson might as well keep a suitcase packed for the next month or two as he travels the country to meet with political leaders and, possibly, even actor Robert Redford.

Waukesha's mayor will be crisscrossing the country on behalf of the city, participating in several prestigious conferences and meeting with lawmakers in the nation's capitol.

"If Waukesha is going to have a national reputation, you have to be a national participant," he said of his busy travel schedule.

Nelson defended the trips by noting that two events he will be attending - a trip to Salt Lake City for the Sundance Summit and a meeting of America's Promise in Washington, D.C. - will not cost the taxpayers any money. advertisement

"The Sundance Summit is hosted by Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson and Robert Redford. The Summit picks up the tab," Nelson said. "The meeting of America's Promise, which named the city one of the top 100 cities for young people, will be reimbursing the trip to Washington."

He also pointed out that when attending conferences, hotels rooms are usually discounted.

Nelson and Waukesha Water Utility manager Dan Duchniak will be in Washington, D.C., Wednesday to Sept. 7.