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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 4, 2008
To: Clayton Wong, Fiscal Administrator
From: Councilmember Ann Kobayashi *AK*
Subject: Report on trip to the National Association of Counties (NACo)
2008 Annual Conference, Kansas City, Missouri

Please find attached, briefings and findings of my travel to the 2008 NACo Annual Conference at Kansas City, Missouri from July 11, 2008 to July 15, 2008.

The 2008 Annual Conference provided workshops, discussions and information on issues involving the nation's 3,066 counties. Sessions include numerous information for county officials including, the mortgage crisis and affordable housing; recycling and the environment; and health care.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Sunday July 13, 2008

1. General Session

2:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

This Session highlighted human trafficking, drought, and the mortgage crisis, and included experts on each topic.

Screenwriter Michael Cory Davis spoke about his documentary on the modern slave trade and urged officials to use the film to raise awareness of human trafficking in the U.S. and abroad.

Mr. Davis stated that the slave trade is a \$9.5 billion industry, second only to the drug trade, where 70-80% of the victims are women and children, and that the industry continues to thrive due to lack of public awareness.

Archaeologist Brian Fagan then spoke about the impact increased droughts will reach worldwide proportions in the coming decade.

Mr. Fagan, the author of four books on climate change alerted participants that since 1990, there has been a 15% increase of droughts in the U.S. and due for a drought more severe than the Dustbowl drought of the 1930s.

He noted that leaders need to make policy decisions about who controls water and how, when, and where recycled water is to be used.

HUD Secretary Steven Preston then spoke on the current mortgage crisis and warned that though help is forthcoming from HUD, new legislation could limit their effectiveness. The legislation would place a moratorium on HUD's ability to charge risk-based pricing, which is based on borrowers' credit risk and beneficial to low-income families.

The department would either have to increase premiums, cut back the program or ask Congress for funding, which they have never done. However, they have been providing counseling to homeowners, stating that 95% of homeowners in default avoided foreclosure by working with HUD counselors.

Tuesday, July 15, 2008

1. Educational Workshop-Block V

8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Featured speaker Don Kappel, Director of Public Affairs for Chesterfield County, Virginia, spoke to participants about how to deal with local media. The workshop taught participants about basic media tools and strategizing communication through the media, such as, avoiding common interviewing mistakes, developing an effective message, and communicating points quickly.

2. Closing General Session

2:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The closing session included noted historian and commentator Doris Kearns Goodwin, author of *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln*, who spoke on lessons to be learned from our 16th President; and author Ashley Rhodes-Courter, whom after surviving 14 placements in the foster care system became a leading advocate for children in foster care

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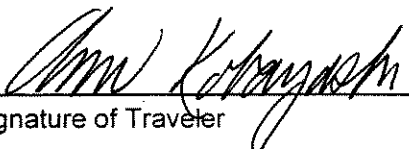
CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: 8-19-08

Traveler: Ann Kobayashi
 Event: 2008 NACO Annual Conference
 Location: Kansas City, MO
 Dates: From July 11, 2008 To July 15, 2008

Description	Amount	Notes
1. Registration Fee	490.00	
2. Airfare	1,132.90	
3. Hotel	316.88	Rate: No. of Billable Days:
4. Meals	9.69	
5. Ground Transportation	44.22	receipts
6. Tips		
7. Other		
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8. Adjustment		
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	1,993.69	
		TOTAL TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT: \$1,993.69

This is to certify that the above data, based upon receipts submitted to Council Administrative Support Services via a CCLTRVL02 form, is accurate. Further, I am claiming reimbursement for expenses associated with a trip in which City business was conducted and personal funds were used to advance payment:



 Signature of Traveler

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 Date