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City and County of Honolulu

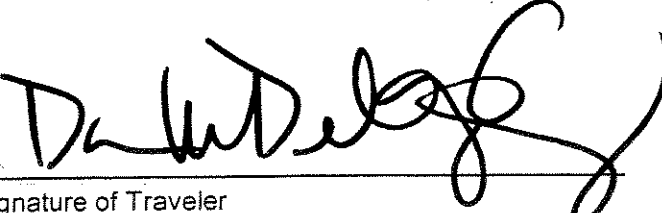
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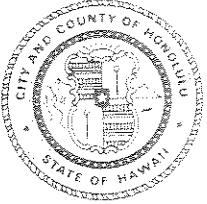
Traveler: Donovan Dela Cruz
 Event: NACo 2009 Annual Legislative Conference
 Location: Washington, D.C.
 Dates: From 3/7/09 8:00am To 3/11/09 10:30am

Description	Amount	Notes
1. Registration Fee	465.00	
2. Airfare	1225.22	DR: 3/6/09 11:30pm RT: 3/12/09 3:55pm
3. Hotel	911.44	Rate: 227.86 No. of Billable Days: 4
4. Meals	266.55	Credit card statement attached
5. Ground Transportation	63.80	Credit card statement attached
6. Tips	18.00	
7. Other	14.99	Airflight Insurance Premium
Other	9.95	Baggage Insurance Premium
Other	9.95	Travel Delay
8. Adjustment		
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	2984.90	

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:

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 Signature of Traveler

6/27/09
 Date




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TO: Mr. Clayton Wong, Fiscal Officer
FROM: Councilmember Donovan M. Dela Cruz 
RE: 2009 NACo Legislative Conference Trip Report

Attached is the report and findings of the NACo Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., March 7-11, 2009.

If you have questions regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to call me directly.

Attachment

Saturday, March 7, 2009

Arrive in Washington, D.C.

Check in – Marriott Wardman Park Hotel

Register for Conference

Sunday, March 8, 2009

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm NACo Board of Directors Forum

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm NACo Board of Directors' Reception
National Museum of Women in Arts

Monday, March 9, 2009

9:00 am – 1:00 pm NACo/NACoRF Board of Directors

9:00 am – 9:30 am

- The NACo Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Don Stapley.
- The Board approved the nominations of new members: Hon. Michael K. Jeanes, Clerk, Maricopa County, AZ; Hon. Frank Bigelow, Supervisor, Madera County, CA; Honorable George Cole, Councilman, Sussex County, DE; Hon. Sara Arnold, County Assessor, Spencer County, IN; Hon. Lawrence Emig, Commissioner, Osceola County, MI; Hon. Robert Fenwick, Commissioner, Cook County, MN; Hon. Cindy Bobbitt, Commissioner, Grant County, OK; Hon. Waymon Mumford, Council Vice Chairman, Florence County, SC, Hon. Nancy Hansen, Commissioner, Brown County, SD; and Hon. James A. Hudelson, Commissioner, Goshen County, WY.
- The board approved the minutes from the Fall Board of Directors' Meeting December 5 and 6, 2008, Maricopa County, Arizona.
- The Board also welcomed a special guest: China Delegation Representative, Jiang Ming, Executive Deputy Mayor, Harbin, China

9:30 am – 10:30 am

- Board took action on the following reports:

❖ **Audit Committee Report**

The Audit Committee Report was presented by Board Member Robert Tucker and Hon. Teresa Altemus and approved by the Board.

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❖ **Internal Audit Report**

Internal Auditor Gerard Zack of Zack Accounting & Consulting presented

The Board approved the Internal Audit Report.

❖ **Finance Committee Report**

President-Elect Valerie Brown presented the Finance Committee Report which included discussion on NACo Employees 401k and introduced Mr. Don Borut, Executive Director, National League of Cities and Secretary General. Mr. Don Borut provided an overview of the United Cities and Local Governments World Council.

❖ **NACo Investment Report**

Mr. Dennis Gogarty of Raffa Wealth Management discussed the NACo Investment Report.

❖ **NACo/FSC Corporation Board of Directors**

Mr. Steve Swendiman, FSC CEO, provided an update on the activities of the for profit companies.

- New directors include Hon. Michael Gillespie, Mr. Mark Davenport, Hon. Glen Whitley and Mr. Lew Cramer

❖ **NACo Resolution Committee:**

President Stapley heard reports from the Steering Committee:

- Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee:
 - Importing livestock from confirmed cases of BSE and/or foot and mouth disease
 - Opposition to livestock tax and support federal incentives to encourage agriculture to reduce greenhouse gases
 - Support for a sensible and orderly guest worker program for farmers
 - Support the Rural Revitalization Act of 2009
- Community and Economic Development
 - Federal Funding for Empowerment zone program
 - Preservation of vital role of the government sponsored enterprises in the Housing finance system
 - Supporting a National Housing Trust Fund
 - FY 2010 appropriations for HUD
 - The consolidation of the McKinney-Vento Homelessness Act
 - Section 8 housing choice voucher program
 - Free trade agreements with foreign countries

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- Environment, Energy and Land Use
 - Supporting full diesel emissions reduction act funding
 - Obtaining accurate land data maps
 - Changes to the internal revenue code
 - Urging incentives for landfill methane conversion to compressed natural gas
 - Air Quality-Ocean-Going marine vessel emissions
- Finance and Intergovernmental Affairs
 - Access Federal GSA schedules for the purchase of environmentally preferable “green” commodities and services
 - Create a new program to pay counties in lieu of lost property tax revenue from tribally owned lands and property held in trust by the federal government
- Health
 - Persistent health disparities
 - Regulations issued by the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services
 - Changing nursing home oversight to support and promote culture change
 - Creation of a new oversight system for nursing homes
- Just and Public Safety:
 - In support of establishing a nationwide mortgage fraud task force
- Public Lands:
 - Urging Congress to preserve access to the uranium reserves of Northern Arizona, in order to meet America’s demand and clean non-carbon emitting energy and energy independence
 - Supporting the Nevada joint Resolution SCR-3 expressing disapproval of certain civil actions brought and maintained against the livestock industry and the Bureau of Land Management in Nevada
- Telecommunications and Technology
 - To require senders of electronic messaging to receive from recipients a record of message

❖ Membership Committee Report

Membership Committee Chair Timothy Loewenstein and Second Vice President Teresa Altemus presented the Membership Committee Report, which showed the outstanding gains in membership numbers.

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❖ Member Programs and Services Committee Report

The committee met on March 7 and covered a number of issues. NACo staff reported the hiring of new Program Directors in the Community Services Division: Rocky Lopes for Infrastructure and Sustainability and Maeghan Gilmore for Health, Human Services and Justice. The Committee reported that they discussed Network of Care, Leadership Training Programs, Discount Dental Card Program, Campaign for Effective Government, Upcoming Presidential Theme and Foreclosure Crisis and Economic Downturn subject matters.

❖ Information Technology Committee

The committee report highlighted action that took place at the March 7, 2009 meeting. The IT committee members will continue to work with NACo's Premier Corporate Members to develop a joint issue paper and ongoing Webinars in 2009 to provide timely information to county officials on how technology can enhance the effective operation and delivery of public services.

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm Attended Opening General Session

- ❖ President Don Stapley welcomed NACo members and provided opening remarks
- ❖ Guest Speakers:
 - Chuck Todd, *NBC News White House Correspondent*
 - Mr. Todd passed along his observations about the new political climate in Washington. Mr. Todd said it is easy to do President Barack Obama's job when times are good, but the real test comes in handling moments of crisis. In his first 50 days in office Obama has tackled several major issues, prompting some to ask if the new administration is trying to do too much. Mr. Todd said Rahm, Emmanuel, White House chief of staff, had the right strategy in focusing on several issues at once, instead of just one. By presenting three or four issues at once, he said it is tougher for opponents to nail a single issue down and defeat it.

4:00 pm Meeting with FTA officials

- ❖ Council Chair Apo, Vice Chair Garcia, Councilmember Cachola and myself attended a meeting with FTA officials to discuss various topics relating to mass transit.

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

8:30 am – 10:15 am Attended 2nd General Session

- ❖ President Don Stapley welcomed NACo members and provided opening remarks

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- 10:45 am – 12:00 pm Attended Educational Session Block III
- ❖ *The Economy, Wall Street and Main Street – Impact on the Public and Counties*
 - Guest Speakers:
 - Mr. Louie Watson, Vice President, Strategic Relationships, Nationwide Retirement Solutions
 - Mr. Bryan Jordan, Director, Financial Markets Analysis, Nationwide Investments
 - Mr. Frank O’Leary, Treasurer, Arlington County, VA
 - Workshop outlines the government’s intervention to date and analyzes its effectiveness not only on Wall Street but also on Main Street, i.e. your county.
 - Discussed issues relating to the housing market, foreclosures, pensions and retirement savings plan and. their impact on local communities
- 12:15 pm – 2:30 pm Attended Luncheon
- ❖ Entertainment: The Capitol Steps, a troupe of current and former Congressional staffers. The Capitol Steps take a humorous look at serious issues while providing a nationwide laugh for millions.
- 2:45 pm – 4:00 pm Attended Educational Session Block IV
- ❖ *Out With the Wash: Clean Water Act Changes*
 - Discussed various issues relating to the Clean Water Act. The Administration and Congress and the courts have been proposing changes that could affect counties.
- 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm Attended NACo President’s Reception

Wednesday, March 11

Hawaii Congressional Delegation Visits

- 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Visit with Congresswoman Mazie Hirono
- 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Visit with Congressman Neil Abercrombie
- 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm Visit with Senator Daniel K. Inouye
- 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm Visit with Senator Daniel K. Akaka