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January 2, 2009

TO: Mr. Clayton Wong, Fiscal Officer
FROM: Councilmember Donovan M. Dela Cruz 
RE: NACo Fall Board of Directors Meeting Report

Attached is a copy of the report and findings of the NACo Fall Board of Director's meeting attended in Tempe, Arizona, December 4-6, 2007.

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

Attachment

NACo Fall Board of Directors Meeting – Tempe, Arizona

Thursday, December 4:

Board of Director's Reception and Dinner

Friday, December 5, 2008:

Board of Directors Meeting

Action Items:

Approval of Minutes

Nomination to the NACo Board of Directors

2009 Proposed Legislative Priorities and Steering Committee Reports

- Agricultural and Rural Affairs
 - Farm Bill Implementation
 - Food Safety
 - Renewable Energy
 - Youth in Agriculture
- Community and Economic Development
 - Protect funding for CDBG
 - Maintain appropriation for HOME program
 - Support Congress in passing an additional economic stimulus package to promote job creation through infrastructure and public works projects
- Environment, Energy and Land Use
 - Support financial assistance for drinking water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure
 - Support national energy legislation that provides R & D and various incentives for investment in alternative energy
 - Include full funding for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Black Grant Program
 - Support efforts that promote product stewardship efforts, with incentives for recycling, disposal/recycling of e-waste/e-scrap
- Finance and Intergovernmental Affairs
 - Tax Reform
 - Election reform and financing
 - Municipal Financing
 - County-Tribal relation
- Human Services and Education
 - Social services Block Grant funding
 - Medicaid rules
 - Comprehensive foster care reform
 - Restore cuts to Child Support program

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- Justice and Public Safety
 - Support for sustained funding for criminal justice and homeland security grant programs
 - Implementation of Second Chance Act
- Labor and Employment
 - Reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
 - Increased funding for Workforce Development Programs
- Public Lands
 - NACo should oppose Federal land-use designations that lack endorsements of the affected state, county and local governments
 - Support Common-Sense Federal Wildlife Suppression and Prevention Policy
 - Promote active forest managements, restoration and reforestation
 - Support balanced energy production on public lands
- Telecommunication and Technology
 - Broadband deployment
 - Cell phone tax issues
 - Public, Educational, Government Channels
- Transportation
 - Highway/transit reauthorization
 - Reauthorization of the federal airport/aviation programs
 - Funding/appropriations for transportation programs

Proposed 2009 Key Legislative Priorities:

- Opposition to Unfunded Mandates & Preemptions
- Support Economic Stimulus and Revitalization/Increase financial partnerships
- Health Reform
- Tax Issues
- Transportation/Aviation Reauthorization
- Energy Issues

Task Force on NACo Governance and Structure Breakout Session Highlights of Task Force Major Recommendations:

- Decrease the number of elected officers of NACo to three – the President, 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President
- Increase the size of the Executive Committee by adding five regional (geographical) members from among the Board of Directors

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- The Board of Directors should establish the qualifications for potential candidates for NACo office
- A person should notify the President of his or her intent to run for NACo office between January 1 and February 15 of the year of the election
 - Letter should include name, resume and state how their qualifications meet or exceed those established by the board
 - Candidate would voluntarily agree to limit non-travel-campaigning to no more than \$25,000
 - Funds would be restricted to the period between first day of Legislative Conference and last day of the election at the Annual Conference
- Specify the procedure for challenging an election at the Annual Conference
- Clarify that the President is the chief election officer of the organization, and that the Executive Director is the chief executive officer, not the chief operating officer
- Review the criteria established for recognizing affiliate organizations
- Develop guidelines for presidential appointments of committee chairs and vice chairs
- Compile and publish an Administrative Procedures Manual
 - Establish guidelines and expectations for service as a member of the Board of Directors
- Revise the process for reporting actions taken by steering committees

Presentation: Government 2020 and the perpetual collaboration mandate

Highlights of Presentation:

- Societies are being shaped by 6 drivers outside of government control:
 - *Changing demographics*
 - Changes in the composition of populations, such as age, vary by country and region
 - *Accelerating globalization*
- Countries and societies are becoming more economically interdependent across social, political and cultural
 - *Rising environmental concern*
 - Societies and governments are becoming more attuned to what can be sustained by our natural resources
 - boundaries

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- *Evolving societal relationships*
 - The drivers that are reshaping relationships among individuals, customers and businesses are changing the level of expectations constituents have of their government
- *Growing threat to social stability and order*
 - Societies are faced with challenges such as terrorism and armed conflict
- *Expanding impact of technology*
 - As businesses, individuals and governments are adopting a wide variety of technology to such an extent that they are changing the way each entity interact with each other

Presentation: NACo Deferred Compensation Program, “Can I afford to Retire?”

Highlights of Presentation:

- 68% of Americans at the age of 62 in 2002 were either broke or working to make ends meet
- 55% of all US workers say they are behind schedule in terms of saving for retirement
- 54% of workers who took their pensions in a lump sum in 2003 have spent it all
- Almost two-thirds of investment returns are earned during, not prior to, retirement
- The 10/30 /60 rule
 - 10% of each retirement income money consists of contributions made to the plan while working
 - 30% is made up of investment returns generated prior to retirement
 - 60% is made up of investment returns generated after retirement
- Seven Key Consideration for Retirement Income
 - Longevity
 - Asset Allocation
 - Portfolio Withdrawal Rates
 - Living Expenses and Health Care
 - Inflation
 - Flexibility and Control
 - Taxes

Saturday, December 6, 2008:

Reconvene NACo Board of Directors Meeting

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Strategic Plan Report

2009 Goals

- Health Reform and Innovation
- Immigration Reform
- 2009 Key Legislative priorities
- Restore the Partnership Campaign

2009 Proposed NACo Budget Presentation

Overall Budget

\$19.9 million

Goals and Objectives

- Restore the Partnership
- Working with new Administration
- Presidential Initiatives
 - Green fleets/Immigration reform
 - Health Care Reform
- Website redesign: NACo.org
- Complete financial system replacement
- Develop new revenue streams
 - Bond conduit financing authority
 - Data mining project
 - Network of care

Action Items:

Audit Committee Report

NACo Finance Committee Report

Adoption of 2009 Proposed NACo Budget

Programs and Services Committee Report

NACo plan to provide information, tools and resources for counties on Foreclosure Crisis, Economic Downturn, and County Budgets

- Committee agreed that NACo should focus its programs and services on preventing and addressing foreclosures specifically, but also on the broader context of the economic downturn, unemployment and the impact on county programs, tax revenues and budgets
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Discount Dental Card Program/Exclusive Member Benefits

- Program is scheduled to be launched in the first half of 2009

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Membership Committee Report

- Membership was at an all time high 2,357 members with 98% retention
- NACo Prescription Drug Card Program – 1,100 counties
- NACo e-News created in 2008 enhanced communication to members

Information Technology Committee Report

Briefing on US Communities Restructure

City Council
City and County of Honolulu

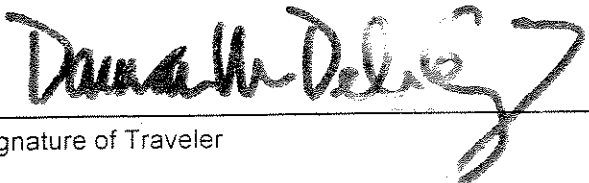
CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: 12-17-08

Traveler: Donovan Dela Cruz
 Event: 2008 NACO FALL BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
 Location: Tempe, AZ
 Dates: From 12/04/08 To 12/06/08

| Description | Amount | Notes |
|---------------------------|------------|---|
| 1. Registration Fee | | |
| 2. Airfare | 617.46 | |
| 3. Hotel | 414.66 | Rate: No. of Billable Days: |
| 4. Meals | 46.64 | receipts attached |
| 5. Ground Transportation | 82.00 | receipts attached |
| 6. Tips | 11.00 | |
| 7. Other | 27.79 | travel insurance |
| Other | 9.95 | travel delay |
| Other | 9.95 | baggage insurance |
| 8. Other Other | 14.99 | airflight insurance |
| TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT | \$1,234.44 | |
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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

JAN 08 2009
Date