



# CITY COUNCIL

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July 29, 2009

TO: Mr. Clayton Wong, Fiscal Officer

FROM: Kimberly Ribellia, Senior Advisor to Councilmember Donovan M. Dela Cruz *KR*

RE: Hawaii State Association of Counties Annual Conference

Attached is a copy of the report and findings of the Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC) Annual Conference attended in Lihu'e, Kaua'i, June 18-19, 2009

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

Attachment

## **Thursday, June 18, 2009**

Conference Registration, 8:00 a.m.

HSAC General Membership Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

- Treasurer's Reports issued since the last HSAC General Membership meeting were approved
- Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for the year were also approved
- Reports of the Executive Committee were filed
  - Approval and transmittal of seven proposals to each County Council for consideration in the 2009 HSAC legislative package
  - Approved an amended resolution In Support of the Recovery of the Hawai'i State mammal, the Hawaiian Monk Seal
  - Approval and transmittal of final 2009 HSAC legislative package
- New Business
  - Approval of HSAC Budget for FY 10, noting that official notification of the passing HSAC budget should come from the Clerk from each County
  - New Officers for FY10
    - President – Councilmember Derek Kawakami
    - Vice President – Councilmember Nestor Garcia
    - Treasurer – Councilmember Joseph Pontanilla
    - Secretary – Councilmember Dennis “Fresh” Onishi
  - Nominees to NACo and WIR Board of Directors
    - NACo
      - Councilmember Joseph Pontanilla
      - Councilmember Derek Kawakami
      - Councilmember Donovan M. Dela Cruz
    - WIR
      - Councilmember Dickie Chang
      - Councilmember Dennis “Fresh” Onishi

## **Friday, June 19, 2009**

Conference Registration, 8:00 am to 8:30 am:

Welcoming and Opening Remarks, 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Welcoming remarks provided by Kaua'i County Councilmember Derek S.K. Kawakami, Mayor Bernard Carvalho, Jr., County of Kaua'i, Council Chair Bill “Kaipo” Asing, County of Kaua'i, Councilmember Nestor Garcia, HSAC President

Panel I: Affordable Housing:

- Panelist:
  - John Frazier – Executive Director, Kaua‘i Housing Development Corporation
  - Kevin Showe – President, National Housing Corporation of Hawai‘i, Inc.
  - Claudia Shay – Executive Director, Self-Help Housing Corporation of Hawai‘i
  
- Highlights of Discussion:
  - Discussed affordable housing developments that are being developed on Kaua‘i, i.e. Courtyards at Waipouli as part of the Kaua‘i Lagoons Resort Development
    - 15% of the development are affordable housing units
  - Discussed the mission of Self-Housing Corporation of Hawai‘i
    - Improve the living conditions of lower income families living in Hawai‘i
    - Provides services on O`ahu, Kaua`i, Maui and Molokai
      - Provides technical services such as financial and loan counseling to families.
      - Provides homeownership and building skills in self-help methods

Panel II: Innovations in Solid Waste/Energy

- Panelist:
  - Scott Shibata – Project Administrator, Hawai`i BioEnergy, LLC
  - Paul Burns – Senior Manager of Engineering Projects, Waste Management, LLC
  - Gideon Gradman – Vice President of Corporate Development Ze-gen, Inc.
  
- Highlights of Discussion:
  - Panelists discussed several different technology in the handling of solid waste management
  - Panelists discussed the use of biomass such as sugar and algae to create energy

Luncheon Speaker – Environmental Justice

- Keynote Speaker – Sue Briggum – Vice President of Federal Public Affairs, Waste Management, Inc.
  - Highlights of Discussion:
    - Defined environmental justice as the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, culture, education, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies
    - EPA has a program for environmental justice

- Requires meaningful involvement & fair treatment in the development, implementation & enforcement of environmental programs
- New approach: community-based, collaborative
- Consider cumulative environmental and public health impacts
- New Developments:
  - Climate Justice
    - Emphasis on emissions reduction, alternative fuels, green energy
- Promising New Developments: Industry focus on sustainability

Update on the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)

- Speaker: W. Roger Gwinn – Kaua`i County Federal Lobbyist, The Ferguson Group, LLC
  - Highlights of Discussion:
    - Discussed the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act monies that are available to the counties in Hawaii
    - Oahu is one of the 10 largest counties in the United States, thus is entitled to a direct allocation of monies
    - Noted that O`ahu has applied for several types of ARRA funds

Conference Concludes – 12:00 p.m.

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# CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: July 13, 2009

Traveler: Kimberly Ribellia

Event: 2009 HSAC Annual Conference

Location: Lihue, Kauai

Dates: From June 18, 2009 To June 19, 2009

Description	Amount	Notes
1. Registration Fee	\$200.00	Registration form & check attached
2. Airfare	\$98.20	DR: 6/18/09 7:00 am RT: 6/21/09 7:49 am
3. Hotel		
4. Meals		
5. Ground Transportation		
6. Tips		
7. Other	\$30.00	Airfare change fee RT: 6/20/09
Other		
Other		
8. Adjustment		
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	\$328.20	

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:

Kimberly Ribellia  
Signature of Traveler

July 14, 2009  
Date