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TO: Mr. Clayton Wong, Fiscal Officer
Council Administration

FROM: Councilmember Donovan Dela Cruz 

RE: 2009 NACo Annual Conference Report

Attached is the report and findings of the NACo Annual Conference in Davidson County (Nashville), Tennessee, July 24-28, 2009.

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

Attachment

Saturday, July 25, 2009

Arrive in Nashville, TN

Check in – Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm NACo Board of Directors' Dinner
Nashville Palace

Sunday, July 26, 2009

Register for Conference

9:00 am – 11:00 am Opening General Session

- Feature Speakers:
 - Honorable Don Stapley
 - NACo President Don Stapley gave the opening remarks of the NACo Conference. He stated that choices counties make now will impact the economy and county budgets for years to come. He also stressed that it is crucial for counties to use stimulus funds in ways that will best benefit our counties' long-term. He also said that it is important to not only fix short-term problems, but also to invest in our future to create prosperity and save taxpayer money.
 - Ms. Tamara Erickson
 - Award-winning author and expert on organizations and the changing workforce discussed the dynamics of our current workforce that includes four generations of employees. As a member of the Baby Boom generation continue to work well into retirement age, Erickson said that it is important to understand the differences the generations bring to work relationships.

The topic of her July 26 opening session keynote was *Avoiding the Workforce Crisis: How to Beat the Coming Shortage of Skills and Talent*. She said the growth in the size of the workforce in the U.S. is slowing dramatically, with not as many people looking for jobs after the recession is over.

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm NACo Board of Directors Forum

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm NACo Board of Directors Sitting as the Resolutions Committee

- The board approved the minutes from the Board of Directors' Meeting, WIR Conference

- The board was updated on the following NACo Subcommittees:
 - Steering Committee Report
 - Rural Action Caucus Report
 - Large Urban County Caucus Report
 - WIR Report

Monday, July 27, 2009

9:00 am – 10:45 am NACo Board of Directors Business Meeting

- The board took action on the following reports:
 - Audit Committee Report
 - 2009 Financial Report
 - NACo Board Ratification of the Appointments to the NACo Financial Services Corporation Board of Directors
 - Bylaws Review Committee Report
- The board was updated on the following NACo Standing Committees:
 - Information Technology Committee Report
 - Finance Committee Report
 - Programs and Services Committee Report
 - Membership Committee Report
- The board was updated on the following NACo Programs and Services:
 - Health Care Reform Task Force
 - NACo Financial Services Report
 - NACo Deferred Compensation Report

10:45 am – 11:30 am NACoRF Board of Directors

- The board approved the minutes from the NACoRF Board of Directors' Meeting, WIR Conference
- The board was updated on the following NACoRF Programs and Services:
 - Green Government Advisory Board Report
 - Carl Vinson Institute of Government
 - Recovery Act Implementation Activities
 - Restorations Grants

10:00 am – 2:00 pm Exhibit Hall Open

2:15 pm – 4:00 pm 2nd General Session

- Feature Speakers:
 - **Kathleen Sebelius**, Health Secretary
Ms. Sebelius had originally been scheduled to speak, but stayed in Washington to assist in the effort for health care reform.
 - **Ron Sims**, HUD Deputy Secretary
Mr. Ron Sims, deputy secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, said NACo has a seat at the White House’s public policy table and wants the counties input.
 - **Jon Meacham**, Editor of *Newsweek*
Mr. Jon Meacham author of *American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House* provided highlights of his book and noted that there is much to be learned from his fellow Volunteer that is applicable to today’s political climate — even from Jackson’s mistakes and volatility.

One lesson from Jackson’s time has an unlikely parallel in the way the Obama administration continues to reach out to supporters via the Web and social networking. Jackson understood that his supporters didn’t just want to vote for him, “they wanted to be characters in an ongoing drama.” To that end, Jackson created a direct channel to the people — his own newspaper. Mr. Meacham said, this would be the 21st century equivalent of President Bush founding Fox News or President Obama creating NPR.

7:00 pm – 9:30 pm Conference-Wide Event

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

10:00 am – 12:00 pm Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers and Directors

10:00 am – 2:00 pm Exhibit Hall Open

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm Concurrent Forums: Stimulus and Response: Counties on the Road to Recovery

Housing, Employment and the Economy

- Highlights:
 - Discussed how to use federal programs such as Community Development Block Grant, Neighborhood Stabilization and Workforce Investment Act programs and President Obama's new program to prevent foreclosures to enhance housing affordability, maintain quality neighborhoods, and spur job creation, training and re-employment.

Energy Infrastructure and Economic Development

- Highlights:
 - Discussed how to use Recovery Act funding to save taxpayer money in the long-term through energy efficiency improvements, and envision how to harness available funds to attract and grow new businesses that capitalize our community's assets and support an energy independent future.

Reporting, Transparency and Accountability: Recovery Act and Beyond

- Highlights:
 - Discussed the Recovery Act's new rules about reporting, transparency and accountability of federal funds spent by counties. Also discussed whether the new rules will become hallmarks of federal funding in the future, and what government transparency means for the efficiency and effectiveness of county governance and service delivery.

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

New NACo Board of Directors' Organizational Meeting

Welcome NACo President Valerie Brown

Self introductions of the New NACo and NACoRF Boards of Directors

- The board took the following action:
 - Audit Committee Election
 - Board selected a new member to the audit committee to serve a full five-year term expiring July 2014
 - Report of the Regional Caucus Elections of Regional Representatives to the NACo Executive Committee
- The board was updated on the following NACo Board Information
 - Board members signed a conflict of interest policy and disclosure statement

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CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: August 6, 2009

Traveler: Donovan Dela Cruz
 Event: 2009 NACO Annual Conference
 Location: Nashville, TN
 Dates: From July 24, 2009 To July 28, 2009

Description	Amount	Notes
1. Registration Fee	\$465.00	Reg. order confirmation notice attached. Check already issued
2. Airfare	\$1,130.50	DR: 7/24/09 10:45 pm RT: 7/29/09 2:16 pm. Check already issued
3. Hotel	\$779.88	
4. Meals	\$79.93	Receipts attached
5. Ground Transportation	\$70.50	Receipts attached
6. Tips	\$12.00	Email attached
7. Other	\$34.89	Travel delay, flight insurance and baggage insurance
Other	\$5.12	Receipt attached
Other		
8. Adjustment		
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	\$2,577.85	\$982.35 is the balance for hotel, meals, trans., tips & others

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

Date