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MEMORANDUM

TO: Donna Chun, Council Administrative Assistant

FROM: Councilmember Kymberly Marcos Pine

SUBJECT: Travel Report for the NFWL 2019 Annual Conference

Attached is my travel report for the NFWL 2019 Annual Conference in San Antonio, TX from November 17, 2019 to November 22, 2019.

**NFWL 2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 18, 2019 TO NOVEMBER 22, 2019
SAN ANTONIO, TX**

Report by Kymberly Pine
Councilmember, District1

This year's NFWL Annual Conference was held in San Antonio, TX which brought together over 100 elected women from across the country to share policy ideas, network, and engage in civil discourse.

NFWL shared experiences and discussed challenges we face in our states. Together we celebrated those who had been nominated by their peers as leaders devoted to improving their communities, and reflected on the hard work that has to be done every day. Participants learned how to stay motivated, and what policy solutions exist across the country on a variety of issues.

Hawai'i's very own Senator Donna Mercado Kim was elected Chair of the organization, the first woman from Hawai'i in the position. Her priorities for her term was to focus on reducing the cost of prescription drugs, health care and elderly care and to provide increased mobility options for the elderly and disabled. She also helped more women to run for elected office.

Rep. Lynn DeCoite received the Women of Excellence Award for her leadership in Agriculture and Native Hawaiian Issues and for breaking down barriers for younger women to achieve leadership positions.

Joining Sen. Mercado Kim and Rep. DeCoite were Senator Sharon Moriwaki, Representative Val Okimoto, OHA Trustee Kalei Akaka and me (Councilmember Kym Pine).

The female leaders took part in a variety of discussions relating to health care, workplace equity, the criminal justice system, sex trafficking, transportation and the upcoming 100th anniversary of women's right to vote, as well as getting more women involved in the political process.

To celebrate Sen. Mercado Kim's inauguration, the Hawaii Delegation and Hawaiian Airlines invited former Hawai'i resident musicians living in San Antonio to play Hawaiian music and brought hula dancers and fresh lei for leaders of other states.

NFWL's Annual Conference is held in a new location every November, and will be in Memphis, TN in November 2020. On the heels of an important election, NFWL is excited to bring together elected women and swap stories.

Saturday, November 16, 2019

Traveled from Honolulu to Los Angeles

Sunday, November 17, 2019

Traveled from Los Angeles to San Antonio, TX

Monday, November 18, 2019

11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **Annual Membership Meeting & Leadership Development Lunch**

This meeting was exclusively for elected women to reflect on NFWL's accomplishments this past year, vote on the 2020 board slate and bylaws revisions, and recognize our members for all the amazing work they've done. We engaged in a team building activity and committed to the willingness to serve.

2:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. **Conference Opening Ceremonies**

All participants were welcomed to attend the official kick-off for the 2019 Annual Conference

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Value and Cost of Machines: The True Impact on Patients and the Healthcare System**

This panel focused on the value of medicines and how they reduce the cost of disease, as well as exploring the slowdown in medicine cost growth, rising cost of chronic disease, insurance coverage of medicine, the role of middlemen and what the industry can do to make medicines more affordable. Personalized medicine is an emerging field of medicine that uses diagnostic tools to identify specific biological markers for each patient. The panel also covered the cost of research and development of these products while providing cost offsets when the right treatment is given to the right patient at the right dose the first time.

4:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. **Healthy Babies & Moms: Addressing Disparities and Identifying Change**

Elected women across the country are raising concerns about the troubling disparities in maternal and infant health. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, African American women are dying of preventable pregnancy-related complications at a rate three to four times that of white women, and the death rate for black infants is twice that of infants born to white mothers. In this session, policymakers connected with healthcare providers to work together to eliminate these disparities.

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **Women of Excellence Reception**

This was an evening to honor elected women who have worked timelessly, often breaking down barriers and overcoming obstacles that once seemed insurmountable, to serve their communities. This fun reception was at the San Antonio riverfront and we celebrated the excellent women among us!

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. **Innovation & Automobiles**

This structured conversation looked at innovation in the automobile sector, and sparked questions on a variety of upcoming technological advances.

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. **The Importance of Workplace Equity and Culture**

This session looked at the effects of workplace culture, and address issues including the need for inclusion, mentorship and sponsorship opportunities for all employees.

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **Workshop I: Preventing Financial Abuse of the Elderly**

Protecting your loved ones in a digital and uncertain world can seem difficult. This session discussed the tools and resources available to help identify and address risk factors that may hint at elder financial abuse or exploitation, and ways to help deal with the suspected abuse in a professional and confidential manner.

Workshop II: Addressing a Variety of Timely Health Care Topics in 60 Minutes

This session will look at how access to comprehensive, quality health care services is critical for maintaining health, preventing and managing disease. It will also take on a wide variety of pressing healthcare topics, including bad trial ads, access to forensic exam services for sexual assault victims, and mandates on prescription drug coverage.

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. **Lunch Plenary: Student Scholarship Celebration**

Six outstanding young women who are winners of the 22nd Annual Constitution Essay Scholarship Contest are recognized for their perspectives on women's expanding role in government, made possibly by the NRA Foundation. The six young women shared the content of their essay and further explored how their personal experiences related to the essay prompts. We also heard from Kelii Vrla, a Road Warrior for Workplace Engagement.

2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Telecom Policy Update**

This session looked at a variety of issues facing the telecom world, including the expansion of 5G, internet privacy, and more.

3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Reflecting on Human Trafficking: Red Sand Initiative**

NFWL participants gathered to talk about human trafficking and spent time creating a Red Sand Installation. The initiative was symbolic with the grains of sand representing those individuals who fell through the cracks—whether the cracks of our social, economic and political systems or those of our personal consciousness.

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. **America at Work**

Creating manufacturing jobs is of critical importance to our future. This session speaker presented a deep dive into a report developed by McKinsey, with input from Aspen Institute, National Governors Association, National Association of Counties, US Conference of Mayors and others about the impact and need for jobs in the manufacturing sector.

9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. **The Different Faces of Patriotism**

This session featured a discussion on veteran policy and the financial, emotional and educational support needs of the Naval Special Warfare Community. It also featured the powerful story of a woman and her true story of an unlikely alliance to stop the atrocities of a warlord.

11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. **Celebrating the Rights for Women to Vote**

The year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional right to vote.

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. **Complex State Cannabis Policy**

This session looked at how marijuana policy has changed over the years, how policy differs across the country, and what is coming next.

2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Roundtables**

- Parity for Pumps – This roundtable looked at removing consumer barriers to breastfeeding by eliminating taxes on pumps and supplies.
- Energy Workforce Discussion – This roundtable looked at how one company's operations have a massive local community impact.
- How Railroads Keep Traffic Moving provided a deep dive into how privately maintained railroads serve the nation's freight needs and reduce traffic on public roads.
- Balanced Transportation Depends on Balanced Policy discussed how public policy directly affects how many highway lane-miles are consumed by freight. Learn how policy decisions impact modal balance and equity – and the number of trucks on your highways
- Expanding Rural Broadband – Strategies to reduce the digital divide.
- Wind Energy Update – Developing the workforce, cost of wind and renewables, and economic development in the sector
- Ending Child Marriage – Discussion of changing old laws to prevent abuse.

6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. **Saying Aloha to our Chair: A Reception to Ho'olaule'a!**

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **Dinner: 2020 Board Installation**

This was our final night to enjoy each other's company as we installed our new Board of Directors, who will lead us to even more successes in 2020.

Thursday, November 21, 2019

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. **Farewell Brunch: Bring on Memphis!!**

Saying farewell to our group, sharing our feedback, and looking forward to our next year's event!

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CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: December 4, 2019

Traveler: **Kymerly Pine**

Event: **NFWL 2019 Annual Conference**

Location: **San Antonio, TX**

Dates: **From November 17, 2019**

To November 22, 2019

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee	80.00 ✓	
2. Airfare		
3. Hotel	812.95 810.74 ✓	
4. Meals	16.66 ✓	
5. Ground Transportation	37.20 ✓	From Airport to Hotel and From Hotel to Airport
6. Tips		
7. Other	30.00 ✓	Baggage
Other		
Other		
8. Adjustment		
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	976.21 974.60	

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

12/4/19

Date