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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

TO: Council Administrative Services

FROM: Council Chair Ernest Y. Martin

RE: NACo Board of Directors Meeting
December 3-6, 2014

Attached is my report from my participation in the NACo Transportation Symposium and Board of Directors Meeting on Maui from December 3-6, 2014. The invitation was extended by NACo President Riki Hokama to be a panel speaker at the event and to be confirmed to the NACo Board of Directors.

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

**NACo Board of Directors Meeting
December 3 - 6, 2014
Maui, HI**

Thursday, December 4, 2014

- ❖ 12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. **America's Maritime Infrastructure of Ports and Inland Waterways**
 - Luncheon Keynote speaker, John Vickerman, President of Vickerman and Associates discussed the national trend in water resource development and the impact on counties. Vickerman & Associates provides industry knowledge and expertise in strategic master port and intermodal planning and design.
 - The U.S. has 360 commercial ports employing 13.3 million Americans, which contribute \$3.15 trillion to the economy. Hawaii is reliant on our ports to provide most of our goods and freight tonnage in the U.S. is expected to grow 73 percent by 2035 from 2008 levels.

- ❖ 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Building Strategic Partnerships to Address Your County's Transportation Needs**
 - Peter McLaughlin, Commissioner of Hennepin County, George Hartwick, Commissioner of Dauphin County, and I were on a roundtable discussion on working with other public, private and nonprofit leaders in new ways to build and maintain vital transportation infrastructure and services.
 - My remarks focused on Honolulu's 20-mile rail project, which is the largest single public works project ever undertaken by the City and County of Honolulu. HART has established strategic partnerships with multiple agencies such as the City's Department of Transportation Services, Oahu Transit Services, State Department of Transportation, the Federal Aviation Administration, the Federal Highways Administration and the U. S. Postal Service. These partnerships go beyond government. The communities and businesses along the planned route are also engaged in the discussion in the implementation of the rail project.

- ❖ 2:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. **Mobile Workshop: Smart Grid Demonstration Project JumpSMARTMaui**
 - JumpSMARTMaui is a renewable energy demonstration project organized by partner organizations in Japan and Maui. Funded by the Japanese government and implemented by the private firm Hitachi, Ltd., this \$30 million demonstration project seeks to improve the integration of renewable energy resources into Maui's Smart Grid and prepare Maui for efficient use by all electric vehicles. Hitachi and Maui officials shared information on the development of a stable supply of clean energy through transportation and energy investments.

Friday, December 5, 2014

- ❖ 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **MAP-21 Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization and the Outlook for America's Counties**
 - Top transportation policy experts, Janey Kavinoky, Executive Director, Transportation & Infrastructure, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Brian Pallasch, Managing Director, Government Relations & Infrastructure Initiatives, America Society of Civil Engineers, and Jessica Monahan, Associate Legislative Director, NACo provided information on the current status of federal transportation funding authorization and engaged participants in a roundtable discussion about the long term direct

- ❖ 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **How Are Counties Leveraging New and Traditional Funding and Financing Techniques to Address Transportation and Infrastructure Challenges?**
 - The discussion focused on the smaller funding streams combined with higher infrastructure costs and increased pressure on existing transportation systems which have led counties to pioneer new funding and financing solutions to meet critical local and regional needs. These solutions often involve partnerships with other jurisdictions and the private sector, as well as creative techniques to raise funds locally and streamline development processes. The panel discussion highlighted exemplary practices pursued by counties and their partners nationwide.

- ❖ 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Luncheon Address: Driving into the Future with Tech Innovation at the Wheel**
 - The presentation focused on technology in vehicles and mobile technology which are redefining our transportation systems, and reshaping our environment.

- ❖ 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **NACo Board of Directors Meeting**
 - Eight people, including myself were confirmed to be on the NACo Board of Directors.
 - Board action was taken on the Audit Committee Report, Finance Standing Committee Report, the Proposed 2015 NACo Budget and the 2014 Federal Policy Recap and Consideration of 2015 Federal Priorities.
 - NACo President Riki Hokama gave the President's Report which was subsequently followed by the NACo Financial Services Center Report, a Demonstration of the County Intelligence Connection 2.0, a Grant Fundraising Status Report, a NACo Prescription Health Dental Program Report, and an Overview of the NACo Strategic Blueprint 2015.

Saturday, December 6, 2014

- ❖ 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **NACo Board of Directors Meeting**
 - Discussion continued on the Overview of the 2015 NACo Strategic Blueprint.

