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December 16, 2015

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

TO: Council Administrative Services

FROM: Council Chair Ernest Y. Martin

RE: Seattle Homeless Initiatives & Public Private Partnership  
November 11-16, 2015

Attached is my report from my meetings and site visits in Seattle that address the homeless population through the Low Income Housing Institute and the non-profits contracted to provide services. Also covered is a meeting to discuss the Woodland Park Zoo's public private partnership with the Woodland Park Zoo Society.

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

**Homeless Initiatives & Public-Private Partnership**  
**November 11-16, 2015**  
**Seattle, Washington**

- ❖ Went on site visits with Sharon Lee, Executive Director of the Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI), which develops, owns and operates housing for low-income, homeless and formerly homeless people in Washington State; advocates for housing policies; and administers a range of supportive service programs to assist people in maintaining stable housing and increasing their self-sufficiency.
  - Founded in 1991, LIHI is one of the most productive affordable housing developers in the Northwest. LIHI owns and/or manages over 1,700 housing units at 50 sites in six counties throughout the Puget Sound region.
- ❖ Toured the Urban Rest Stop in Ballard. LIHI owns and operates the Urban Rest Stops (URS), which are hygiene facilities for homeless individuals and families located in downtown Seattle, the U-District, and Ballard. The URS serves thousands of people - homeless adults, families with children, the elderly, disabled persons, veterans, non-English-speaking individuals and people of color.
  - The Urban Rest Stop provides a clean, safe and welcoming facility where individuals and families can come and use restrooms, laundry facilities and shower. All services are provided at no cost to patrons.
  - The URS has a patron code of conduct for its facilities.
- ❖ Visited the Cheryl Chow Court, a LIHI affordable senior housing project with 50 studio and 1-bedroom apartments. The project was built in a livable walkable neighborhood near transit, retail, a public library, and a medical center. The amenities for the building include a library with internet-enabled computers, a large community room, a patio garden, a roof garden, onsite laundry, and roll-in showers. The building is named in honor of former Seattle City Councilmember and homeless advocate Cheryl Chow.
- ❖ LIHI has also done a Tiny House project. The property owner for the project is the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, and the agreement with LIHI and Nickelsville allows up to 15 tiny houses and a restroom pavilion on church-owned property. The houses are less than 120 square feet in design and includes basic electricity and insulation.
- ❖ Another LIHI project is the 50-unit Denny Park Apartments, designed as a “green building” which is LIHI’s first building operated under a “no smoking” policy. Smoking is not allowed either in the individual units or the public spaces. Residents must also inform their guests of the no-smoking rule, and smoking will constitute grounds for eviction. This policy was implemented to ensure a high standard for indoor air quality.
- ❖ Met with Bruce Boemke CEO of Seattle Woodland Park Zoo. The Woodland Park Zoo is a public private partnership. The city continues to own the Woodland Park property and buildings, but the Woodland Park Zoo Society takes full custody of the animals and runs the park. It has been a successful partnership.

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# CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: December 10, 2015

Traveler: Ernest Y. Martin

Event: 2015 Seattle Site Visits for Homeless Initiatives + public/private partnership

Location: Seattle, WA

Dates: From November 14, 2015

To November 16, 2015

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee		
2. Airfare		
3. Hotel		
4. Meals	87.58 <sup>7</sup>	See receipts
5. Ground Transportation		
6. Tips		
7. Other	80.00	Parking
Other		
Other		
8. Adjustment		
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	167.58 <sup>7</sup>	

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