

CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
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July 26, 2010

To: Council Chair Todd Apo
From: Councilmember Ikaika Anderson 
Subject: Hawaii State Association of Counties Annual Conference: J.W. Marriott Ihilani Hotel

I attended the Hawaii State Association of Counties (HSAC) annual conference, which was held in West Oahu from June 24-26, 2010 at J.W. Marriott Ihilani Hotel. HSAC is a non-profit organization consisting of county elected officials from the City and County of Honolulu, Maui County, Kauai County and Hawaii County. Every year during its annual conference, HSAC works collectively to formulate its legislative package for submittal to the state Legislature. HSAC also invites expert panelists to participate in numerous forums in which issues of importance to all of our counties are discussed in great detail.

John Radcliffe and former state Rep. Alex Santiago participated in a forum moderated by Dan Cooke pertaining to legalized gaming. Radcliffe believes that casino-centered gaming can provide necessary revenue to assist our counties during difficult economic times. I asked him about a county-initiated lottery that could perhaps be used to offset costs of Honolulu's mass transit project, but he stated that lotteries in general do not provide sufficient revenues for such an endeavor. Santiago stated his feeling that any form of legalized gaming has far too many social ills that, in his opinion, far outweigh any economic gains gaming may provide.

Kauai County Council Chair Kaipō Asing, Honolulu City Council Vice Chair Nestor Garcia, Maui County Council Chair Danny Mateo and Hawaii County Clerk Kenneth Goodenow participated in a forum entitled "View from the Councils." This forum was moderated by Paul Brewbaker. Goodenow and Garcia stated that they'd both like to see more collaboration between the state and the counties, and noticed that there is often much tension between county and state governments-Garcia and Goodenow are both former Hawaii state lawmakers, having served in the Hawaii State House of Representatives. The panelists, with Goodenow being the exception, all seemed to feel that more "homerule" for the counties would amount to a positive-Goodenow was concerned that too much "homerule" could lead to requirements for counties to pass balanced budget being abolished, thus possibly leading to financial ruin.

Garcia, as a Honolulu City Councilmember, encouraged Gov. Linda Lingle to approve the final environmental impact statement for Honolulu's planned mass transit project in a timely fashion. Garcia noted that the business roundtable, and the federal government, have thoroughly vetted Honolulu's plan and have found it financially sound. All panelists urged the state Legislature to not raid county shares of the transient accommodations tax Asing noted that the original purpose of providing TAT monies to the counties was to offset the elimination of Grant-in-Aid (GIA) funding to the counties

by the state Legislature in 1986. Garcia also noted the necessity of Waikiki hotel upgrades.

In addition to scheduled meetings and seminars, I also met with community leaders for discussions related to our economy, Honolulu's mass transit project and the revitalization of Waikiki.

A number of my colleagues are attending the National Association of Counties Annual conference in Reno, Nevada in July. Although I am not one of the Honolulu councilmembers attending the annual NACo conference, I look forward to having discussions with my colleagues who did attend in regards to what they learned and the valuable insight they gained.

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CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: July 29, 2010

Traveler: Ikaika Anderson

Event: 2010 HSAC Annual Conference

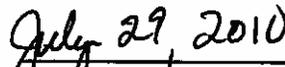
Location: JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa Kapolei, HI

Dates: From June 24, 2010 To June 26, 2010

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee	\$200.00	Online registration confirmation & receipt attached
2. Airfare		
3. Hotel	\$359.22	
4. Meals	\$151.09	Statement attached
5. Ground Transportation	\$60.74	Statement attached
6. Tips	\$14.66	Statement attached
7. Other	\$4.00	Statement attached
Other		
Other		
8. Adjustment		
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	\$789.71	* \$700.00 charged to FY 2010 * \$89.71 charged to FY 2011

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