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June 9, 2015

To: Council Chair Ernest Y. Martin
From: Council Vice Chair Ikaika Anderson 
Re: National Association of Counties 2015 Western Interstate Region Conference

From May 20-22, I attended the National Association of Counties (NACo) 2015 Western Interstate Region (WIR) Conference at the Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort on Kauai. This conference is held annually at one of the WIR region states, and brings together county officials from the Western United States. WIR membership consists of the state associations of counties in fifteen Western states including Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

As the Honolulu City Council's representative to the Hawaii State Association of Counties (HSAC), I serve as a member of the HSAC Executive Committee, and as the organization's treasurer. HSAC is the Hawaii state association member of NACo. I also serve on the NACo Board of Directors. In addition to my capacity as Vice Chair of the Honolulu City Council, I attended the NACo WIR Conference as a member of the HSAC Executive Committee, and as a member of the NACo Board of Directors.

Below is a summary of the events I attended during the NACo WIR Conference:

WIR Board of Directors Meet and Greet

At this event, I had the opportunity to talk with Kauai Mayor Bernard Carvalho about issues of importance to both of our respective counties. Mayor Carvalho stressed the importance of the executive and legislative branches of government working together, and regular direct meetings to ensure cohesiveness and collaboration.

Kauai Council Chair Mel Rapozo briefed attendees on the HSAC Legislative Package submitted to the Hawaii State Legislature, and the outcome of the measures contained within the package. I spoke with Hawaii state Senate President Ronald Kouchi, who represents Kauai and Ni'ihau in the state Senate. As a former chairman of the Kauai County Council, President Kouchi has direct knowledge of and a great understanding of the challenges our counties face.

Kauai County Councilmember Arryl Kaneshiro gave a brief overview of agriculture on Kauai.

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General Session

State of Hawaii Department of Transportation Director Ford Fuchigami briefed attendees on the importance of infrastructure and of the partnership between state DOT and our counties. The Director presented an overview of the components of the state DOT (Highways, Airports and Harbors), and his outlook for his department during the upcoming fiscal year.

Medical and Recreational Marijuana Legalization: Impact on Counties

This session discussed the potential excise tax revenue to be gained via marijuana sales, in addition to the negative social ills and possible detriments counties could face. Counties are often not included in the planning phases of marijuana legalization laws, which results in state governments deciding zoning areas where sales will be permitted in addition to law enforcement policy.

In 2014, \$700 million in retail sales of marijuana occurred in Colorado. As of the WIR Conference, Colorado rang up more than \$200 million in marijuana sales this year.

HSAC Executive Committee Meeting

The HSAC Executive Committee discussed the HSAC State Legislative Package. Each county representative presented an official report for their Council, and gave an update on their budget process and cycle.

WIR Dinner Lu'au

At this dinner event, I received an overview of the Coco Palms redevelopment, who is in the process of working on three projects in my City Council district. I also had the opportunity to network with other WIR members.

NACo Board of Directors Meeting

NACo President Riki Hokama presided over the Board of Directors Meeting. President Hokama outlined the upcoming NACo annual meeting to be held this summer in Charlotte, NC where his term as president will conclude, and encouraged members to attend.

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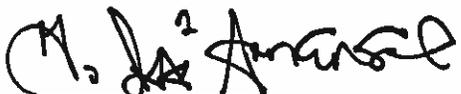
CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: June 4, 2015

Traveler: Ikaika Anderson
 Event: Western Interstate Region Conference 2015 NALO
 Location: Koloa, Kauai, Hawaii
 Dates: From May 20, 2015 To May 22, 2015

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee	\$470.00	Paid pCard
2. Airfare	\$233.00	Paid pCard (\$185 + 48 change charge)
3. Hotel	\$692.13	Paid pCard
4. Meals		Paid pCard (on hotel invoice attached)
5. Ground Transportation	\$140.92	Receipt attached paid personal CC #5924
6. Tips	\$10.00	No receipts
7. Other		
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8. Adjustment		
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	1546.05 192.92	

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

6-9-15
Date