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July 20, 2015

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

From July 10-14, I attended the National Association of Counties (NACo) 2015 Annual Conference at the Charlotte Convention Center in Charlotte, North Carolina. This conference is held annually, and brings together elected and appointed county officials from across the United States to discuss issues of importance to our country's counties.

The NACo Annual Conference also convenes the NACo Board of Directors, of which I serve as a member.

I am the Honolulu City Council's representative to the Hawaii State Association of Counties (HSAC), and as such serve on the HSAC Executive Committee, in addition to serving as the organization's treasurer. In addition to my capacity as Vice Chair of the Honolulu City Council, I attended the NACo Annual Conference as a member of the HSAC Executive Committee, and as a member of the NACo Board of Directors.

Below is a summary of events I attended at the Annual Conference:

General Session:

During the General Session, the NACo attendees heard from United States Secretary of Defense Ash Carter. Secretary Carter shared that veterans of our armed forces are more likely than their civilian counterparts to get involved with community organizations and volunteer opportunities, and suggested that county officials reach out to leaders in our armed services community. Secretary Carter also stressed the importance of America's military preparedness and the economic benefit that our armed forces provide to our nation and the communities that host their locations across the country.

White House Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Jerry Abramson reported that jobs have grown across the country for the past 64 consecutive months. A former mayor of Louisville, Director Abramson gave an overview of how this job growth has positively affected the entire country, and he outlined the Obama Administration's commitment (such as infrastructure improvement projects and continued funding of such projects) to policies that will encourage

continued job growth. The Director also discussed Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grants, which is included in the Obama Administration's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009- according to the US DOT, TIGER funding has dwindled from a high of \$1.5 billion in 2009 to \$500 million in 2015. Director Abramson reported that Congress has reduced TIGER grant funding by 80 percent, which will negatively impact necessary infrastructure improvements throughout the United States.

Meeting with Honolulu City Councilmember Manahan, Hawaii Island Council Chair Dru Kanuha, Big Island Councilmember Dennis "Fresh" Onishi, and Kauai Councilmember KipuKai Kualii:

Councilmember Manahan and I had a productive meeting with our Neighbor Island counterparts. We discussed transportation policy- the GET surcharge for counties was an item of particular interest upon which a significant portion of the discussion was focused- in addition to the Transient Accommodations Tax, county home rule, and the HSAC Legislative Package. Although one or more counties may not elect to collect a county surcharge on the state GET, it was discussed that it would be beneficial for the counties to remain united in support of the state Legislature allowing such collection.

Hawaii State Association of Counties Breakfast Meeting:

HSAC members held a breakfast meeting, where candidate for NACo 2nd Vice President Roy Charles Brooks, of Tarrant County, Texas shared with members his qualifications for 2nd VP. At the time of the breakfast, Mr. Brooks was Chairman of the NACo Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC) Steering Committee- Honolulu City Councilmember Trevor Ozawa will join the LUCC Steering Committee in August.

NACo Board of Directors Forum:

Attended the forum of the NACo Board of Directors where updates from the NACo officers was given to those in attendance.

NACo Board of Directors Business Meeting/Resolutions Meeting

Attended the NACo BOD Business/Resolutions Meeting. Policy resolutions were discussed and adopted by the BOD.

NACo President's Meeting:

This event was hosted by NACo President Riki Hokama. This event also served as a meet-and-greet, and as a networking event. As a member of the HSAC Executive Committee, and a member of the NACo Board of Directors, this event was a wonderful opportunity to meet and speak with other members of the NACo Board, and with candidates seeking election to NACo 2nd VP.

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NACo 2nd Vice President Election:

The election for NACo 2nd Vice President featured three candidates- Commissioner Roy Charles Brooks of Tarrant County, Texas; Supervisor Liz Archuleta of Coconino County, Arizona; and Commissioner Bill Cox of Rich County, Utah. HSAC extends its warmest aloha and congratulations to Tarrant County, Texas Commissioner Roy Charles Brooks on his election as 2nd NACo VP.

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CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: 8-10-2015

Traveler: Ikaika Anderson

Event: 2015 NACo *Annual Conference*

Location: Charlotte, North Carolina

Dates: From ~~July 8~~ *10*, 2015 To ~~July 13~~ *13*, 2015

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee	\$490.00	pCard-attached documents confirmation
2. Airfare	1647.14	pCard-attached confirmation documents
3. Hotel	798.19	pCard hotel invoices confirmation attached
4. Meals	104.61	pCard charges attached <i>receipts attached</i>
5. Ground Transportation	50.00	receipts paid attached Crown Cab
6. Tips	49.00 <i>42.00</i>	Cash no receipts see attached <i>list</i>
7. Other		
Other		
Other		
8. Adjustment	<i>(11.00)</i>	
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	3138.94 <i>155.61</i>	

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

8-12-2015
Date