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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** MR. CLAYTON WONG, FISCAL OFFICER  
CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

**FROM:** COUNCILMEMBER TREVOR OZAWA *TO*

**SUBJECT:** NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES'  
LARGE URBAN COUNTY CAUCUS MEETING TRIP REPORT

From September 29 to October 4, I attended the National Association of Counties' (NACo) Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC) meeting in King County, Washington, at the Westin Seattle Hotel.

Recently nominated and confirmed as a member of the LUCC, it was important for me to attend this conference and participate in deliberations of the caucus. I conducted official city business by participating in a rapid transportation light rail tour, which included a tour of the entire line, the operations center, and the maintenance yard. I also toured several different Housing First and homelessness initiatives and developments, including a tent city and two urban rest stops, with the Low Income Housing Institute of Seattle. In addition, as the creator of the Honolulu Zoo Working Group Task Force, I also had a behind-the-scenes tour of the Woodland Park Zoo with Bruce Bohmke, Acting President and CEO, who provided recommendations for our zoo including ways to be innovative with general zoo improvements, revenue enhancements, and proper preparation for zoo accreditation.

NACo's Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC) is a bipartisan coalition of 1,000 elected county executives and officials from the nation's most populous metropolitan counties.

The conference was a great opportunity to connect with other public servants and to learn from subject-matter experts on a variety of topics and issues that are pertinent and important to the City and County of Honolulu.

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**Tour of Ernestine Anderson Place, hosted by LIHI Director Sharon Lee (9/29/15)**

Ernestine Anderson Place (EPA) is a low income housing project operated by the Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) in Seattle's International District. This tour, hosted by LIHI Executive Director Sharon Lee, afforded me the opportunity to tour EPA, a housing development that provides 60 units for homeless and low-income seniors ages 55 years of age and older. EPA features studios and 1-bedroom units while partnering with Sound Mental Health to provide case management for tenants in need of support services.

**Tour of Cheryl Chow Court (9/29/15)**

This was another LIHI initiative above the Ballard Rest Stop that provided housing to over 50 seniors at very affordable rates. The rental rates were very affordable and the design was of the highest quality even when compared to market-rate housing.

**Tour of the Low Income Housing Institute and Briefing (9/29/15)**

Prior to one of the days of tours of the Housing First and low-income housing initiatives, I attended a briefing and a tour of the Low Income Housing Institute to grasp the breadth of their work in Seattle. They have accomplished over 50 Housing First and low income housing projects, and were instrumental in the establishment of the two urban rest stops (hygiene centers) in Seattle.

**Tour of Nickelsville Tent City (9/29/15)**

I toured Nickelsville Tent City, a place where homeless run their own community on a parcel of land with tiny shelter spaces donated by Home Depot and other elevated platforms (elevated to meet health code) with tents erected atop them. The tent city has two secured entrances, portable toilets and showers, composting options, a donation tent, a kitchen tent, barbeques, a community garden, and a camp fire area. Stringent rules are enforced including no drugs or alcohol, requiring each resident to work a minimum number of security shifts, and respecting one another or else they get asked to leave anywhere from a day to permanently. It was very enlightening to see this type of solution in action in Seattle. While this may not be the best solution for every situation, I did realize that by walking through the tent city and conversing with residents that there may be a genuine use for this option locally. We currently have a similar camp in Waianae.

**Tour of Sound Transit (9/30/15)**

This tour was hosted by Paul Dennison, Director of Light Rail Sound Transit. Sound Transit plans, builds and operates express bus, light rail and commuter train services. It serves the urban areas of King, Pierce and Snohomish counties in Washington. The tour started at the Union Station, where tour attendees including myself took the train to the airport, which is the most elevated portion of the segment. Tour attendees were also briefed on a transit-oriented development project along the rail line. Lastly, we received a tour of the airport operations center and briefed as to how the rail system integrates with the airport operations.

**LUCC Steering Committee Business meeting (9/30/15)**

As a member of LUCC, it's important for me to understand what services and programs the LUCC can provide to me and my staff as a member of the Honolulu City Council. I received an update from the executive committee as to the 2015-2016 legislative priorities, engaged in a discussion about the most critical issues facing our communities, and learned how LUCC members can participate in the affairs of the caucus and how to stay engaged in the long term.

**Session: "The Changing Geography of Poverty" (10/1/15)**

This panel, featuring Commissioner John O'Grady of Franklin County, Ohio, and Senior Fellow and Deputy Director Alan Berube of the Brookings Institution, discussed the changing demographics and geography of poverty and how county infrastructures across the country are witnessing a disproportionate growth of poverty.

**Session: "Innovating Locally to Confront Poverty" (10/1/15)**

This panel discussed how county/local leaders are combating poverty across the country including identification of strategies to respond to this growing issue. It was a great discussion and the panelists provided examples of innovative responses to the new realities of poverty at the local level, which led to a discussion of strategies that county leaders could adopt to improve outcomes throughout their communities.

**Urban Waterfront Transportation: King County Metro's Water Taxi Program (10/1/15)**

This "mobile workshop" provided me an opportunity to experience another means of transportation within the King County, by way of a water taxi. We got on the King County Water Taxi in Downtown Seattle and travelled across Elliot Bay to West Seattle and back. This was a great opportunity to explore how county leadership and investment in smart, intermodal transit – especially over challenging geography – can improve quality of life for all.

**Ballard Urban Rest Stop Tour with Councilmember Joey Manahan (10/1/15)**

This tour, coordinated by Councilmember Joey Manahan, provided us the opportunity to tour the Ballard Urban Rest Stop, located in Seattle, Washington. Opening its doors on October 1<sup>st</sup>, this rest stop, operated by LIHI, consists of five showers, restroom facilities, a diaper changing area, washers and dryers, and a health exam room for a visiting nurse or social worker. Amazingly, no public funds were used to support the rest stop, however, the Seattle City Council, the Mayor, the Washington State Legislature, and the Governor of Washington did provide other means of support to get the project underway.

**Tour of the Woodland Park Zoo with Acting President and CEO Bruce Bohmke (10/3/15)**

On this tour I got the opportunity to ask Mr. Bohmke numerous questions and see specific examples on how they were raising revenues through sponsorship opportunities. We discussed ways to keep costs down, yet improve the overall zoo experience and also the importance of a theme that would attract consistent revenue

**Session: Safe and Secure Counties (10/2/15)**

This panel discussion featured remarks by U.S Representative David Reichert, a former King County Sheriff, who was recently named chair of the newly formed Law Enforcement Task Force of the Republican Policy Committee.

**Breakfasts, Lunches, and Dinners (9/30/15 – 10/2/15)**

The breakfasts, lunches and dinners allowed for an informal opportunity for me to speak with and network with other elected officials, panelists and subject matter experts.

**Visited other LIHI Affordable Housing Projects surrounding Seattle (10/4/15)**

- visited one of LIHI's Housing First project in the Seattle area
- visited another housing project in the University of Washington area
- visited another housing project near a TOD in the Seattle area

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# CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

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Date: November 17, 2015, Hawaii

Traveler: Trevor Ozawa, Councilmember - District 4  
 Event: NACo Large Urban County Caucus Innovation Symposium 2015  
 Location: Seattle, King County, Washington  
 Dates: From September 28, 2015 To October 5, 2015  
 (Handwritten: 30, 5)

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee	<del>0</del>	
2. Airfare	<del>0</del>	
3. Hotel	<del>2473.80</del> 2109.50	Receipt attached
4. Meals	<del>186.47</del> 142.66	Receipts attached
5. Ground Transportation	<del>66.00</del> 29.39	Receipts attached
6. Tips	<del>18.00</del> 12.50	Receipts attached
7. Other	25.00	Airline baggage fee - Receipt attached
Other	<del>19.00</del> 493.00	Seattle parking fees - Receipts attached, @ Seattle hotel
Other	<del>110.00</del>	Honolulu Airport parking fee - Receipt attached
8. Adjustments	36.61	Bus - receipts attached
Other		
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	<del>2878.27</del> 2447.96	

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.

  
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 Signature of Traveler

  
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