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MEMORANDUM

TO: CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

FROM: COUNCILMEMBER TREVOR OZAWA *T. Ozawa*

SUBJECT: HAWAII STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (HSAC)
2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE TRIP REPORT

On June 20, I attended the Hawaii State Association of Counties 2017 Annual Conference at the Kōloa Landing Resort at Po'ipū, Kaua'i. The conference brings together councilmembers from all of Hawaii's counties, other county, state, and federal government officials, and various stakeholders including representatives from Hawaii's business sectors, nonprofit organizations, and subject-matter experts.

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.

Below is a summary of the panel sessions and legislative forum I attended during the conference.

Panel 1: "Food for thought: Connecting Communities to Farming"

The panel comprised of representatives from Hawaii Agricultural Foundation (HAF):

- Dean Okimoto, Chairman of HAF; and Chairman & President of Nalo Farms, Inc.
- Mufi Hannemann, President & CEO of Hawaii Lodging & Tourism Association
- Denise Hayashi Yamaguchi, CEO & Founder of Hawaii Ag & Culinary Alliance

The panel discussed how to support and sustain Hawaii's agricultural industry by addressing the critical needs and services of farmers and the agricultural industry in Hawaii.

Panel 2: “The Millennial Revolution: Creating Policy for the Generation Y”

The panel comprised of the following individuals:

- Moderator Mike Dahilig, Millennial/General Xer Planning Director
- Luke Evslin, Community Advocate
- Tim Burr, Director of West Coast Public Policy
- Juno Ann Apalla, Community Advocate
- Kaaina Hull, Deputy Planning Director
- Brandon Elefante, City & County of Honolulu Councilmember
- Marisa Valenciano, Planner

The purpose of this session was for elected leaders and business leaders to talk story with some awesome and fearless millennials; to gain a better understanding of why there is such a buzz around the term “millennials”, who they are, how they think, and what they foresee as to future needs to create communities that they want to live in.

Panel 3: “The Future of Real Property Tax”

The panel comprised of the following representatives:

- Gary Kurokawa, Chief of Staff – Office of the Mayor, City & County of Honolulu
- Steve Hunt, Real Property Tax Manager – County of Kauai
- Scott Kazuo Teruya, private fee appraisal firm
- Lisa K. Nahoopii Miura, County of Hawaii’s Real Property Tax Assistant Administrator

The State Legislature considered proposals that would use the counties’ real property tax (RPT) revenue to fund certain state programs such as Senate Bills 686 and 683. A House resolution (HCR 169) also proposed the study of transferring the authority to tax RPT back to the state.

The panel discussed the implications of such or similar measures to county operations; and what are the possible outcomes, legal ramifications and unintended consequences of these proposals.

Luncheon:

The lunch allowed for an informal opportunity for me to speak with and network with panelists and subject matter experts. Howard Dicus was the guest speaker.

Panel 4: “Legislative Forum”

The panel comprised of the following representatives:

- Deborah Cox, National Association of Counties (NaCo) Legislative Director
- Ron Kouchi, Senate President – State Legislature
- Scott Saiki, Speaker of the House – State Legislature

The panel provided up-to-date happenings in Washington, D.C. and the outcome of the 2017 Legislative Session.

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CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: 6/30/17

Traveler: Trevor Ozawa, Councilmember - District 4
 Event: 2017 Hawaii State Assoc. of Counties Annual Conference
 Location: Koloa Landing Resort at Poipu - Koloa, Kauai
 Dates: From June 19, 2017 To June 20, 2017

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee	275.00	
2. Airfare	136.39	
3. Hotel		
4. Meals		
5. Ground Transportation		
6. Tips		
7. Other	18.00	Parking Fee - Honolulu Airport
Other		
Other		
8. Adjustment		
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	429.39 411.39	

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

6/30/17

 Date