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**MEMORANDUM**

Date: July 20, 2016  
To: Clayton Wong, Fiscal Administrator  
From: Councilmember Ann Kobayashi *AK*  
Subject: Seattle Trip Report on Homelessness and Affordable Housing

From June 21-23, 2016, Councilmembers Carol Fukunaga, Ron Menor and I travelled to Seattle, Washington, to visit various facilities and meet with officials involved in the city's efforts to address and resolve its issues with homelessness and affordable housing. Please see the attached report Homeless Permitted Interaction Group Seattle Trip Report.

**Tuesday, June 21, 2016**

- Arrived in Seattle at 11:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 22, 2016**

- Tour of Seattle's Downtown Emergency Service Center's Crisis Clinic
- Met with Sharon Lee, Executive Director of the Low Income Housing Institute
- Tour of Seattle's various Urban Rest Stops

**Thursday, June 23, 2016**

- Tour of Seattle's Downtown Emergency Service Center's Crisis Solutions
- Tour of various affordable housing developments in Seattle

**Friday, June 24, 2016**

- Departed Seattle at 9:00 a.m.

Attachment

## June 22-23, Homeless Permitted Interaction Group Report Seattle Trip Report

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Honolulu City Council Members Carol Fukunaga, Ron Menor, and Ann Kobayashi traveled to Seattle June 21-23 to study the community's management of its homeless population as part of the work of a Permitted Interaction Group formed to find solutions that fit for Oahu.

Honolulu's homeless population increased for the seventh straight year in January and is up 26% since 2009.

Seattle and Honolulu share similar per capita homeless populations. There are 4,940 homeless individuals in Honolulu compared to 4,505 in Seattle.

Oahu is short 25,000 housing units to accommodate the needs of our population, and 20,000 of those units need to be affordable to households earning 80% of the Area Median Income (\$76,650 for a family of 4), or less, according to the city Department of Community Services.

The City Council is considering an array of homeless initiatives and affordable housing projects during the current fiscal year that started July 1. Each Council member must be responsible for the needs of their district and is working with the community to develop plans that make sense.

What works in one Council District may not work in another.

Many of the plans the city is considering are modeled after programs and housing developments already established in Seattle.

Seattle has had success mixing crisis solution centers, tiny house villages on land primed for affordable housing development, Urban Rest Stops; hygiene centers complete with bathroom and laundry facilities, and permanent, supportive housing.

The City Council will continue exploring these initiatives and their applicability to Honolulu.

### **Downtown Emergency Service Center**

The members met with the staff and toured the facilities of Seattle's Downtown Emergency Service Center (DESC) Crisis Solutions Center (CSC) gives Seattle's first responder's options instead of jail and hospitalization when they encounter a homeless individual having a behavioral or substance abuse driven episode.

The CSC is designed to stabilize and support an individual in a non-confrontational setting while identifying and linking that person to services. Any adult 18 and older experiencing an emotional and/or behavioral disturbance and agrees to accept help.

A mobile crisis response team, diversion facility, and shelter service work together to refer clients in real time.

Members also toured the facilities and met with the staff of the King County Crisis Clinic.

### **Urban Rest Stops and Permanent Supportive Housing with Social Services**

Sharon Lee, executive director of the Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI), took the members on tours of the city's homeless pockets and affordable housing developments.

LIHI develops, owns and operates housing for the benefit of low-income, homeless and formerly homeless people in Washington State; advocates for just housing policies at the local and national levels; and administers a range of supportive service programs to assist clients in maintaining stable housing and increasing their self-sufficiency.

LIHI built Seattle's three Urban Rest Stops and developed more than 3,700 affordable units that incorporate wrap around social services. The Urban Rest Stops are staffed facilities that provide laundry services, showers, bathrooms, lockers and access to services.

Ballard is a gentrified, high end community with a homeless population.

The Ballard Urban Rest Stop is located next door to the Cheryl Chow Court Affordable Housing Development affordable housing development and a market rate condo development with one bedrooms starting at \$450,000.

Both the rest stop and the shared similar exteriors and design with the market rate condominium next door, a feature that helped LIHI sell the concept to the community.

In addition to a tour of the Cheryl Hall Court's 60-unit property, the Councilmembers were also able to meet and speak to tenants of the Ernestine Anderson Place, a 50-unit affordable housing development near the University of Washington, and the Gossett Place development, a 62-unit development built for homeless veterans and young adults.

Seattle is also home to one of the largest tent cities on the West Coast, Nickelsville. Located on the outskirts of the city, near a freeway overpass on private land offered up for use to the homeless. Nickelsville is home to several hundred homeless in a self-policed environment that is visited regularly by social service providers and food pantries. Many of the tenants are working homeless.

The city of Seattle is working with LIHI, several area churches and HUD to develop a tiny house village and relocate the Nickelsville camp.

Plans for the development are attached.

### **Councilmembers' Itinerary**

Wednesday 6/22:

10-12 Tour King Country Crisis Clinic<[http://crisisclinic.org/?gclid=Cj0KEQjws\\_m6BRCv37WbtNmJs-IBEiQAWKKt0Ee21sqrkIS\\_d\\_XOUXTsS4FGmDowKRZ3n9SOjlnxVKcaAu3H8P8HAQ](http://crisisclinic.org/?gclid=Cj0KEQjws_m6BRCv37WbtNmJs-IBEiQAWKKt0Ee21sqrkIS_d_XOUXTsS4FGmDowKRZ3n9SOjlnxVKcaAu3H8P8HAQ)> - 9725 3rd Ave NE #300 / Kathleen Southwick, Executive Director, 206-436-2980

2-5 LIHI properties tour:

Cheryl Chow Court<<http://lihi.org/properties/cheryl-chow-court/>> and Ballard URS<<https://urbanreststop.org/about/information/ballard/>> (in same building) - 2014 NW 57th St. The Marion West<<http://lihi.org/properties/the-marion-west/>> - 5019 Roosevelt Way NE Downtown URS <<https://urbanreststop.org/about/information/downtown/>> - 1924 9TH Ave

Thursday 6/23:

**10-12 Tour DESC's Crisis**

**Solutions**<<http://www.desc.org/documents/CSC%20Information%20Sheet.October%202013.pdf>> - 1600 South Lane St. / Maggie Hostnick, Program Manager, 206-682-2371 Ext 5200

**2-5 LIHI properties tour:**

**Ernestine Anderson Place**<<http://lihi.org/properties/ernestine-anderson-place/>> – 2010 S. Jackson St.

**Tiny House Village**<<http://lihi.org/tiny-houses/tiny-house-village/>> - 1419 22nd Avenue, Seattle Othello

**Village**<<http://lihi.org/tiny-houses/othello-village/>> - 7544 Martin Luther King Jr. Way S

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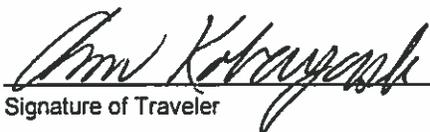
# CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: June 30, 2016

Traveler: Councilmember Ann Kobayashi  
 Event: Observe Successful Homeless Programs & Facilities-Seattle  
 Location: Seattle, Washington  
 Dates: From June 21, 2016 To June 24, 2016

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee		
2. Airfare	699.00	HNL-SEA/TAC-HAL FLT 22; SEA/TAC-HNL-HAL FLT 21
3. Hotel	787.50	Belltown Inn-2301 Third Avenue, Seattle, WA 98121
4. Meals	<del>16.42</del> 134.2	SEA/TAC airport on 6/24 (\$13.42 + \$3.00 tip)
5. Ground Transportation	202.03	Taxis and transportation network company cars
6. Tips	3.00	Receipt attached
7. Other		
Other		
Other		
8. Adjustment		
<b>TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT</b>	<b>1704.95</b>	

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

JUN 29 2016  
 Date