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**TO:** COUNCIL CHAIR ERNEST Y. MARTIN  
HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** COUNCILMEMBER JOEY MANAHAN 

**SUBJECT:** Travel Report on Power & Policy 2014 Conference

For your information, attached is a travel report summarizing my attendance at the Power & Policy 2014 conference that took place in Washington D.C. on November 21-22, 2014.

If you have any questions regarding the report, you may call me at extension 85007 or email [jmanahan@honolulu.gov](mailto:jmanahan@honolulu.gov).

Thank you for your consideration.

## **Travel Report**

### **Power & Policy 2014 Conference and White House Tour The White House, Washington D.C., November 21-22, 2014**

On November 21 and 22 of 2014, I was honored to be invited to the “Power and Policy: New Americans in Elected Office” conference in the White House, the Annual Awards Reception, and a tour of the White House in Washington D.C. This year’s events were the second annual national gathering for local, city, and state elected officials from Arab, Asian, African, Caribbean, and Latino communities.

The conference, reception, and tour were hosted by The New American Leaders Project (NALP). The NALP is the only national nonpartisan organization specifically focused on preparing first- and second-generation immigrants for candidacy and civic leadership. Nearly one in five Americans are either immigrants or were born in the U.S. to at least one immigrant parent. At NALP, they believe that through civic engagement and leadership, first- and second-generation immigrants can help strengthen the fabric of American democracy.

#### **Power & Policy Conference:**

On Friday, November 21, 2014, the first part of the trip was the Power & Policy Conference held in the White House. The event consisted of keynote speeches, panels, and workshops which were all designed to offer opportunities for “New American” elected officials to network and learn about best practices in immigrant integration, community mobilization, and moving into higher office. Other attendees included city and state government elected officials, non-profit leaders, political strategists, and other invited guests.

The agenda for that day was as follows:

**New American Leaders Project**  
**Power & Policy Conference**  
**Eisenhower Executive Office Building**  
**November 21, 2014**  
**9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Welcome**

*Jerry Abramson*  
*Director of Intergovernmental Affairs*  
*The White House*  
&  
*Sayu Bhojwani*  
*President and Founder*  
*The New American Leaders Project*  
**Education and the American Dream**

Panelists: Jose Moreno (Board President, Anaheim City School District Board of Education) – Laura Pastor (Governing Board Clerk, Phoenix Union High School Board and Phoenix City Council Member) – Paru Shah (Board Member, Shorewood School District Board of Education)  
Moderator: S. Mitra Kalita (NALP Board Member and Executive Editor At-Large, Quartz)

**Keynote: Reflections on a First Year in Office**

*Raquel Castaneda-Lopez  
Detroit City Council Member*

**Workshops**

**1. Governing Power: A Roadmap to Success**

*Jessie Ulibarri (Colorado State Senator and Principal of the Movement-Building Project, Wellstone Action)*

**2. Getting Your Message Our: A Practical Guide**

*S. Mitra Kalita (NALP Board Member and Executive Editor At-Large, Quartz) – Erin Lindsay (Principal, Precision Strategies)*

**3. Leading in the State House**

Panelists: Kumar Barve (Majority Leader, MD House of Delegates) – Annette Quijano (Deputy Majority Leader, NJ General Assembly)  
Moderator: Robin Brand (Political Consultant)

**Building Cities of Integration**

Panelists: Carlos Menchaca (New York City Council Member) – Rachel Peric (Welcoming America) – Regina Romero (Tucson City Councilor) – Michelle Wu (Boston City Councilor-At-Large)

Moderator: Wesley Lowrey (Political Reporter, Washington Post)

**Viewing of the President' Address on Immigration Reform**

**Keynote: We Have Our Marching Orders**

*Ricardo Lara  
California State Senator*

**Pledge to Represent 2020**

*Sayu Bhojwani  
President and Founder  
The New American Leaders Project*

**Power & Policy 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Awards Reception:**

As part of the conference, attendees were also present at the Power & Policy 2<sup>nd</sup> annual awards reception held at Washington D.C.'s renowned Newseum after the conference on Friday,

November 21, 2014. The awards ceremony recognized the contributions of New American political leaders.

**Power & Policy White House Tour:**

Originally set for November 21, 2014, the conference's tour of the East Wing of the White House was reschedule for Saturday, November 22, 2014. It was an honor to have the opportunity to visit the White House along with my fellow Power & Policy conference attendees. It was especially special because it followed the great milestone of President Barack Obama's immigration speech which aligned with the Power & Policy conference.

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## CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: 12/15/2014

Traveler: Council member Joey Manahan  
Event: Power & Policy Conference, Reception, Tour  
Location: Washington D.C.  
Dates: From November 21, 2014 To November 22, 2014

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee		
2. Airfare		
3. Hotel		
4. Meals		
5. Ground Transportation	\$138.36	Grand Travel in D.C. and HNL
6. Tips		
7. Other	\$73.42	Copies (cardstock) of business cards (10)
Other		
Other		
8. Adjustment		
<b>TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT</b>	<b>212.28</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

12-16-14  
Date