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TO: COUNCIL CHAIR ERNEST Y. MARTIN
HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

FROM: COUNCILMEMBER JOEY MANAHAN 

SUBJECT: Travel Report on, Low Income Housing Institute Meetings and Site Visits, Woodland Park Zoo Site Visit, and Seattle City Council Meeting

For your information, attached is a travel report summarizing my trip to Seattle, Washington 11 November 2015 to ~~14~~ November 2015.

If you have any questions regarding the report, you may call me at extension 85007 or email jmanahan@honolulu.gov.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Travel Report – November 11-14, 2015
Seattle, Washington - Meetings & Site Visits

Homelessness has been increasingly one of my priorities during my time on the Honolulu City Council. On a recent adopted legislation, Resolution 15-268 I urged the establishment of hygiene centers in the Mapunapuna area for homeless persons and to undertake a pilot program to operate such a center and to establish and maintain consultations with the Urban Rest Stop from Seattle, Washington and also maintain relationships between our State Homeless Coordinator and City Council's Homelessness Policy Coordinator and the Low Income Housing Institute who run the Urban Rest Stop along with other housing solutions.

After arriving on the evening of November 11, 2015, on Thursday, November 12, 2015, I met with the Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) and their different projects and managers who run those projects. I was joined by Council Chair Ernest Martin and the Council's Homelessness Policy Coordinator Peter Boylan to work on the intents and purposes of Resolution 15-268.

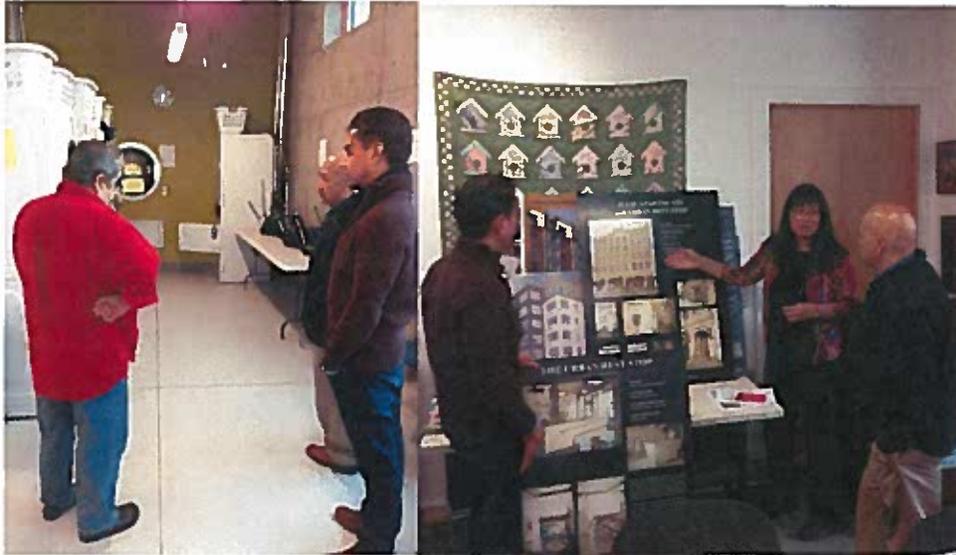
I was able to share with Chair Martin and Peter the effectiveness of the Low Income Housing Institute's newest Urban Rest Stop in Ballard. I introduced Peter and Chair Martin to Sharon Lee, the Executive Director of LIHI as well as the Urban Rest Stop manager, Ronni Gilboa. They allowed us to be at the hygiene center as their clients came in for the day. For a newly operating hygiene center, the preliminary statistics for Urban Rest Stop at Ballard was 40-60 clients a day. This amount is expected to reach 200+ clients a day once services are enhanced by the City in this area.

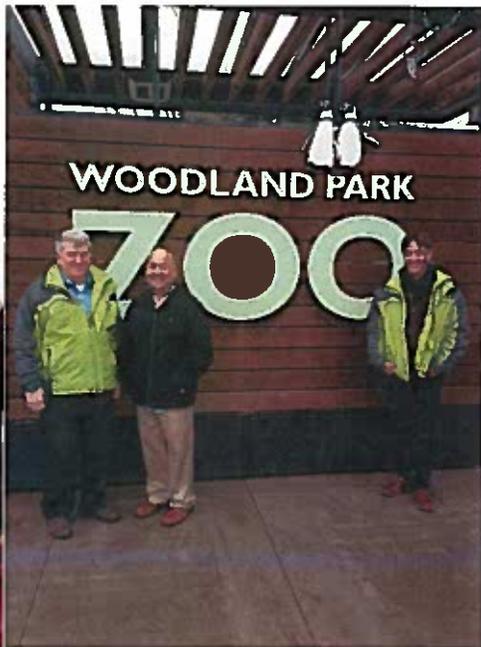
Along with the Urban Rest Stop, we visited the Cheryl Chow Court, which is also in Ballard and located directly above the Ballard Urban Rest Stop. The Cheryl Chow Court is a 50-unit apartment building for low-income seniors. The building is named for the late Cheryl Chow, a Seattle City Councilmember who LIHI said secured funding for the purchase of the Julie Apartments in downtown Seattle for the Urban Rest Stop. Chow also helped get the Seattle City Council to create housing for homeless people at the former Sand Point Naval Air Station at Magnuson Park. The six-story building has studios and one bedroom apartments which are open to people age 62 and older who make 50 percent or less of the area median income (AMI). Fifty percent is \$31,400 as of 2015. LIHI said low-income seniors need more affordable housing in Ballard, a neighborhood where many new apartments have been built. The building has a library with computers, community room, patio garden, and a rooftop deck with gardens and a green roof area.

Another major area that Peter, Chair Martin, and myself visited was the new site of Nickelsville. Nickelsville is a roving community first established in 2008 during the administration of then-Mayor Greg Nickels. The new site is also located in Ballard. LIHI was able to move the site to Ballard from its original spot in Chinatown. One major proponent for the move was Councilmember Mike O'Brien where he assisted for permitting and zoning locating the site.

Luckily, on this date, too, Council Chair and I met with Councilmember Mike O'Brien himself at Seattle City Hall to talk about his homelessness and housing efforts in Seattle. His focus has been on affordable housing, affordable workforce housing, and attached dwelling units. As the Chair of the Committee on Transportation, he was able to share with me his newest Council efforts for rail and for drivers who are independent contractors to have more of a voice to negotiate for improved working conditions at their companies.

On November 13, I had the opportunity to accompany Council Chair Martin to visit the Woodland Park Zoo of Seattle. We were able to witness the opportunities the zoo gives to not only families but for educators as well. Woodland Park Zoo plays a leadership role in deepening science education and increasing ecological literacy. The zoo's zoning and parking practices are also a few best practices that the city of Honolulu has been looking into as well such as Restricted Parking Zones.





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CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: 15 November 2015

2015 *Seattle*
 Traveler: Joey Manahan
 Event: Homeless initiative meetings, Woodland Park Zoo meeting *1 - Public / Private Partnership*
 Location: Seattle, Washington
 Dates: From 11/12/15 To 11/13/15

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee		
2. Airfare		
3. Hotel		
4. Meals		
5. Ground Transportation	73.82	
6. Tips		
7. Other		
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8. Adjustment		
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	73.82	

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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

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 Date