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MEMORANDUM

To: Heather Murakami
Administrative Services Officer

From: Councilmember Ron Menor 
Council District 9

Re: Hawaii on the Hill Event; Washington, D.C.

Introduction

The following is a summary of the activities in which I participated as part of a delegation of business owners and City officials who attended the Fifth Annual Hawaii on the Hill event from June 11 -13, 2018. This event was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and organized by United States Senator Mazie Hirono.

Leadership Dinner

Participants had an opportunity to mingle and to informally share their perspectives on business and community issues in which they are involved in Hawaii. Senator Hirono and Sherry Menor-McNamara, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, also briefly addressed participants about the agenda for the Hawaii on the Hill event.

Welcome Reception – Japanese Ambassador’s Residence

New Japanese Ambassador Shinsuke Sugiyama hosted the Hawaii delegation at his residence. Attendees included Mayor Kirk Caldwell and Kauai Mayor Bernard Carvalho, government officials and business representatives. In his remarks to the delegation, Ambassador Sugiyama emphasized the importance of U.S.–Japan relations and extended his congratulations on the occasion of this year’s 150th Anniversary of the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants in Hawaii.

Mayor Caldwell also noted the special bond that exists between the people of Honolulu and Japan through sister city relationships. He also reaffirmed the City’s commitment to maintaining these close ties in the future.

Policy Summit

This important summit was held in the Senate Armed Services Hearing Room in the Russell Senate Office Building. This event afforded members of the Hawaii delegation an opportunity to get an inside perspective from policymakers in Washington, D.C. on a variety of issues important to businesses and residents in Hawaii and across the nation. The issues that were covered included national defense, entrepreneurship and small business development, energy security, rural agricultural development, U.S.–China relations, and maritime security.

The distinguished and influential group of national policy experts included:

- Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), Chair of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, who spoke on Hawaii-Alaska's special relationship.
- Mr. Lucian Niemeyer, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment Department of Defense, who spoke on defense policy.
- Mr. Allen Gutierrez, Associate Administrator, Office of Entrepreneurial Development U.S. Small Business Administration, who discussed small business development programs.
- Senator Maria Cantwell (D-Washington), Ranking Member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, who covered energy security issues.
- Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-New York), Ranking Member of the House Appropriations Committee, who explained the federal budget and appropriations process.
- Mr. David Foster, Administrator, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), who described the various USDA rural development loan programs available to businesses, farmers, and prospective home buyers.
- Mr. Scott Mulhauser, Founder of Aperture Strategies and Professor at Georgetown University. He was also the former Chief of Staff of the U.S. Embassy in Beijing and the Export-Import Bank. Mr. Mulhauser shared his perspectives on the status of U.S.-China relations.
- Senator Roger Wicker (R-Mississippi), Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on Seapower, who spoke about maritime security issues.

Closing remarks were offered by Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-New York)

Taste of Hawaii

This annual event, which was held in the Hart Senate Office Building showcased the local products of Hawaii-based entrepreneurs to members of Congress, news and policymakers, and the Washington, D.C. community. There were more than 2,000 guests in attendance.

The products on display included the following: Taro Brand pancakes; Island Mana'ia Cassava Chips; Kahuku Farms Lilikoi butter; Meadow Gold POG drink; Hawaiian Shochu Company; Hawaiian Host Macnut chocolates; Hawaiian Paradise Coffee. Photos of the event are included with this report.

Conclusion

The Fifth Annual Hawaii on the Hill event was a huge success. As part of Hawaii on the Hill, the Taste of Hawaii was the largest event on Capitol Hill. The event showcased dozens of local businesses and gave attendees a chance to meet with top political leaders and experts on a wide range of topics from military spending to agricultural grants. Many anticipate this very important event will only continue to grow as they look forward to an even bigger and better one next year.



Group photo of Hawaii delegation in the Russell Senate Office Building



Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer is pictured above speaking to the Hawaii delegation at the Hawaii on the Hill Policy Summit. Policy experts spoke on a number of issues important to Hawaii businesses including national defense, entrepreneurship, and small business development.



Councilmember Menor is pictured above with City Office of Economic Development Executive Director Ed Hawkins at the Taste of Hawaii on Capitol Hill event.



Councilmember Menor is pictured above with Rich and Nicki from Taro Brand Poi. As part of the Taste of Hawaii on Capitol Hill event, the local poi producer joined other Hawaii-based entrepreneurs in sponsoring booths showcasing their local products to members of Congress and the Washington, D.C. community.



Councilmember Menor is pictured above with Hawaiian Airlines representatives

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CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: June 25, 2018

Traveler: Councilmember Ron Menor

Event: Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii's Hawaii On The Hill

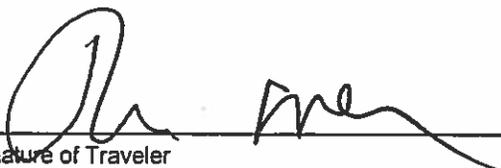
Location: Washington, D.C.

Dates: From June 12, 2018

To June 13, 2018

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee	0.00	
2. Airfare	1810.00	
3. Hotel	1064.19	
4. Meals	89.79 79.79	
5. Ground Transportation	76.78	
6. Tips	6.00 9.05	Housekeeping Tip + Meal
7. Other	50.00	Checked Baggage Fees
Other		
Other		
8. Adjustment		
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	2500.76 215.62	

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 26 2018
Date