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## MEMORANDUM

To: Council Administration Services

From: Council Chair Emeritus Ron Menor  
Council District 9

Date: December 4, 2019

Re: Travel Report: NACo Annual Conference & Exposition; Clark County, Nevada

### Introduction

The following is a summary of events and activities which I attended during the 2019 NACo Annual Conference & Exposition that was held on July 12 to 15, 2019.

### July 11, 2019

#### Morning Sessions

I attended a mobile workshop that took place offsite at the South Point Hotel Casino and Spa and South Point Arena and Equestrian Center. It involved a behind-the-scenes tour of the South Point Hotel Casino which included TV broadcasting at the Brent Musburger Vegas Stats and Information Network television studio; back-of-house operations; huge state-of-the-art bowling facilities that host national bowling championships; and 1,200 horse stall South Point

Equestrian Center, home of the American Quarter Horse Association Championships, Arabian Breeders World Cup and National Barrel Horse Association Super Show.

### **Afternoon Session**

I attended the “I am Jane Doe” Documentary Screening and Human Trafficking Panel. It was a powerful documentary which communicated the message that human trafficking is a problem that is pervasive in communities throughout the country. Prior to the showing of the documentary, there was a panel discussion involving experts from Polaris and Thomson Reuters and county officials who are working to tackle human trafficking in their communities. The panelists included: Jim McDonough, Commissioner, Ramsey County, Minnesota; Robert McGinnis, Principal Analyst and Manager, Thompson Reuters Special Services, LLC; Melissa McKinlay, Commissioner, Palm Beach County, Florida; and Bradley Myles, CEO, Polaris.

**July 12, 2019**

### **Luncheon Session**

This session featured a panel that discussed the topic “Supporting Our Nation’s Aging Population at the Local Level.” By 2035, adults 65 and older will outnumber children younger than 18 years of age. Counties are leveraging local resources to support our nation’s older adults by creating supports for home-based care and caregivers, building safe and accessible communities for people of all ages, and promoting social integration among our aging populations. National and local leaders spoke about the challenges and benefits of supporting our nation’s aging population, and how counties are satisfying the increased demand for services and an infrastructure that addresses the needs of this changing demographic. The panelists included: Kristin Dillon, Senior Vice-President for State and Community Engagement AARP; Sandy Markwood, Executive Director, National Association of Area Agencies on Aging; Mary

Rumbaugh, Director, Behavioral Health Division, Clackamas County, Oregon; and Barry Zimmerman, Director, Human Services Agency, Ventura County, California.

**Afternoon Session**

I also attended the Business Meeting of the Transportation Policy Steering Committee. This session featured Chris Wallace, Director of Government Affairs for the National Transportation Safety Board, regarding the latest transportation federal policy issues facing counties. Moreover, the steering committee members considered policy resolutions and platform changes that are used to guide NACo's advocacy efforts before Congress, the White House and federal agencies.

**July 13, 2019**

**Morning Session**

I appeared at a County Talk on ProLink Solutions: Technology Solutions to Capture & Utilize Housing and Tenant Data Metrics. Local government agencies need affordable technology solutions that make it easy to capture, access and utilize housing data. ProLink assists localities to capture and maintain consistent housing and tenant data metrics and sharing similar data metrics with neighboring jurisdictions in order to collaboratively address economic inequality across county lines. The panelists included Brianna Kreute, Director of Strategic Alliances, ProLink Solutions; Shawn McKenna, CEO ProLink Solutions; and Debra L. Starbuck, Senior Product Marketing Manager, ProLink Solutions.

**First Afternoon Session**

I attended a County Talk on Los Angeles County Economic Development: Retooling for Job Creation with a Case Study on the Bio and Life Science Sector. As strong regional and local economies generate the revenue governments use to provide public safety services and social

safety net programs, they are using a targeted approach that includes industry specific job training programs, supporting growth sector small businesses and repurposing underutilized county property, Los Angeles County is facilitating sustainable business expansion and exciting job creation for the region. This session included a case study on how Los Angeles County is supporting the growth and expansion of the bioscience and life science industry. The panelists included: Julia F.Orozco, Manager, Economic Development Division, Los Angeles County, California; Mark Ridley-Thomas, Supervisor, Los Angeles County, California; and Brad Spellberg, Medical Director of Biosciences for Los Angeles County, California.

### **Second Afternoon Session**

I also attended a Substance Abuse Interventions in the Justice System workshop which focused on innovative strategies and programs that counties are using to address the needs of justice-involved individuals with substance use disorders (SUDs). County leaders discussed increasing connections to treatment for individuals with SUDs at different touch points in the justice system, including during interactions with law enforcement, in jail and during community reentry, to improve public safety and use taxpayer resources effectively. The panelists included: Cathy Hatch, Community Health Care Planner, Polk County, Florida; Marquis Hines, Officer, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department; and Lissette Ruiz, Officer, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

### **July 14, 2019**

#### **First Afternoon Session**

I joined a workshop regarding Immigrant Integration Efforts at the Local Level. While the federal government has the responsibility to set immigration policy and determine an individual's immigration status, counties are best positioned to integrate immigrant populations

while serving our broader communities. Counties have a key role in implementing innovative policies and programs that ensure immigrants are integrated into new communities in a manner that benefits the local economy and culture. National and local leaders spoke about the challenges and benefits of integrating new populations, and what this looks like at the county level. The panelists included Amanda Bergson-Shillock, Director of Upskilling Policy, National Skills Coalition; Susan Downs-Karkos, Senior Director of External Affairs, Welcoming America; Cris Ramon, Senior Policy Analyst, Bipartisan Policy Center; Jim Zwetzig, Commissioner, Morgan County, Colorado; and Zee Xiao, Director, Mayor's Office for New Americans, Salt Lake County, Utah.

### **Second Afternoon Session**

I appeared at an interactive session regarding Architects of Health & Housing: County Strategies for Promoting Affordable, Safe and Healthy Homes. As every county resident needs a place to call home, not all homes are healthy and affordable. Many county residents are forced to choose between affordability and health, but the two should not be mutually exclusive. The session included NACo and other leaders regarding how one can stand at the intersection of healthy and affordable housing in your county, whether urban, suburban, exurban or rural. The panelists included: Michael Scott Davidson, Reporter, City and County Government, Las Vegas Review-Journal; Joe Hinton, Action Learning Coach, County Health Rankings & Roadmaps; Shaunequa Owusu, Senior Vice President of Innovation & Impact, ChangeLab Solutions, Bill Truex, Chairman, Charlotte County, Florida Board of County Commissioners; JR Walters, IT Director, Samish Indian Nation; Jonathan Wilson, MPP, Deputy Director, National Center for Healthy Housing; and Michele Fuller-Hallauer, Manager, Clark County Social Service, Clark County, Nevada.

**July 15, 2019**

**First Morning Session**

I attended a 2020 Census: Making it Count workshop. As the 2020 Census rollout is less than a year away, I learned about timelines, public engagement strategies, the digital submission process, hiring enumerators and the impact that undercount could have on our county in a panel discussion with advocates, county leaders and more. The panelists included: Beth Lynk, Director, Census Counts, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights; Stanley Moore, Commissioner, Cook County, Illinois; and Tim Olson, Associate Director for Field Operations, U.S. Census Bureau.

**Second Morning Session**

I also attended the NACo Annual Business Meeting and Election. I heard nominating speeches for candidates for President. Mary Ann Borgeson from Nebraska was elected President. She gave her acceptance speech. Councilmember Joey Manahan, the Hawaii State Association of Counties Treasurer, represented the Hawaii delegation.

**Conclusion**

The 2019 NACo Annual Conference & Exposition provided me the opportunity to attend a number of informative sessions with direct relevance to the issues we are dealing with here at the City and County of Honolulu. Presentations from municipalities across the country highlighted innovative efforts with demonstrated results. The learning experiences of these cities will serve as a tremendous resource as we move forward in the coming year.

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# CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: December 3, 2019

Traveler: Council Chair Emeritus Ron Menor

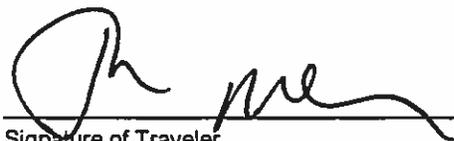
Event: *2019* NACo Annual Conference

Location: Las Vegas, Nevada

Dates: From July 11, 2019 To July 15, 2019

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee	<del>795</del>	
2. Airfare	<del>677.20</del>	
3. Hotel	1494.70 ✓	
4. Meals	338.86 <i>298</i> ✓	
5. Ground Transportation	143.32 ✓	
6. Tips	12.00 ✓	Housekeeping Tip
7. Other	60.00 ✓	Airline Baggage Fee
Other	37.50 ✓	Business Center (Printing of Emails)
Other		
8. Adjustment		
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	<del>3566.97</del> <i>2086.50</i>	

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:

  
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Signature of Traveler

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Date