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TO: Mr. Clayton Wong, Fiscal Officer
FROM: Council Chair Ernest Y. Martin
RE: 2012 HSAC Conference Trip Report

Attached is the report and findings of the HSAC Conference in Hawai'i County, June 21-22, 2012.

If you have questions regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to call me directly.

Attachment

Thursday, June 21, 2012

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

❖ **WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS**

- Pule and Invocation - Kahu Brian Boshard
 - Facilitator - Council Chair Dominic Yagong, County of Hawai'i
 - NACo Pres. Lenny Eliason
 - Mayor Billy Kenoi – County of Hawai'i
 - Exec. Director Larry Naake
 - HSAC President Mel Rapozo
- ❖ All speakers gave general introductory remarks to conference attendees.

9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

❖ **PANEL DISCUSSION 1 - COUNCIL'S ROLE IN A GLOBAL ECONOMY**

❖ Moderator – HSAC President Mel Rapozo – County of Kaua'i

❖ Panelists:

- Council Chair Dominic Yagong, County of Hawai'i
- Council Chair Ernest Y. Martin, City & County of Honolulu
- Council Chair Danny Mateo, County of Maui
- Council Chair Jay Furfaro, County of Kaua'i

❖ County Council Chairs discussed issues that affect their individual Counties.

- Chair Mateo discussed the importance of Maui's tourism industry, agribusiness tourism, athletic events, science and technology sector and the film industry to Maui's economy.
- I discussed the importance of Transit Oriented Development and diversified agriculture to Honolulu's economy. I also highlighted the opportunity for foreign investment along the transit line and in TOD.
- Chair Furfaro discussed several traditional native Hawaiian cultural principles that have been incorporated into Kaua'i County government. He stressed the importance of value-based organizational and managerial culture as a key to success in creating sustainable development on Kauai and how his County is working to establish and incorporate these principles.
- Chair Yagong discussed the importance of agriculture and food sustainability for Hawai'i County and noted that more effort needs to be made to encourage younger generations to become farmers. He also discussed State Building Code requirements and the code has created challenges for young people to purchase homes.

10:50 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

❖ **HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS – E HO'A KA HAWAI'I**

❖ Moderator - NACo Board of Director Kipukai Kualii

❖ Panelists:

- First Vice President Annelle Amaral - Assoc. of Hawaiian Civic Club
- Deputy Michelle Ka'uhane – DHHL

- Pres. Robin Danner - Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement
- Chief Operating Officer Aedward Los Banos – OHA
- ❖ Panelists discussed how County Councils can interface with the various Hawaiian organizations
 - Ms. Amaral discussed the role of Hawaiian Civic clubs in Hawaii politics and highlighted their grass roots strength in passing key legislation affecting the Hawaiian community. She also discussed the principles of the Ahupua'a system and how it creates a sustainable way of life.
 - Mr. Los Banos discussed OHA's efforts to advocate and lobby County government on issues such as kuleana tax exemption and historic preservation.
 - Ms. Kauhane discussed DHHL's housing initiatives on all islands and encouraged counties to continue looking at affordable housing credits.
 - Ms. Danner discussed her organization's efforts to create more affordable housing and economic development for the Hawaiian community. She stressed the need to work with Counties in gaining their support for federal legislation that provides the State with more federal dollars available to "native" populations.

1:40 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.

❖ **RENEWABLE ENERGY**

❖ Moderator – HSAC Vice Chair Joe Pontanilla – County of Maui

❖ Panelists:

- Chairperson Hermina Morita – Public Utilities Commission (PUC)
- Ms. Patricia Talbert – Kalaimoku – Legal Advisor - Innovations Development Group
- President Jay Ignacio – HELCO
- Mr. Bill Wiebe, Maintenance Manager - Puna Geothermal Venture
- Mr. Richard Ha, Steering Committee Member – Hawaii Clean Energy and owner of Hamakua Springs Country Farms

- ❖ Panelists discussed renewable energy productions and regulations for cost effective technologies
 - Ms. Morita discussed the PUC's support of renewable energy initiatives and its goals to meet objectives set forth by the State Legislature.
 - Ms. Talbert discussed issues facing the geothermal developer she represents. She highlighted challenges faced by the geothermal industry concerning the PUC.
 - Mr. Ignacio discussed Hawaii Electric Light Company's efforts to address the high cost of electricity by continuing to develop renewable energy sources such as wind, sun, hydro and geothermal steam. He talked about Hawaii's

dependency on fossil fuels and why it is so important to move forward with geothermal energy.

- Mr. Weibe talked about his company's efforts to provide 20% of Hawaii Island's electrical needs.
- Mr. Ha talked about the relationship between energy costs and food production. He stressed the importance of lowering energy costs so that farmers can afford to farm and stay in production. He is a strong proponent for the production of geothermal energy as a reliable energy source and a way to help reduce energy costs.

2:50 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

❖ **HAWAII'S AGRICULTURE & ENERGY SECURITY**

❖ Moderator: Councilmember Brittany Smart

❖ Panelist:

- Lt. Gov. Brian Schatz
- Dep. Director Scott Enright - State Dept. of Ag
- State Representative Denny Coffman - Chair of Energy Committee
- First Deputy Guy Kaulukukui – DLNR

❖ Panelists discussed upcoming laws and projects throughout the State that support agriculture and energy security and the counties' roles in making these initiatives successful.

- Lt. Gov. Schatz discussed how the counties can play a key role in working towards clean energy, clean water and sustainable food sources.
- Mr. Enright discussed how the agricultural industry can help support clean energy initiatives. For example, he highlighted efforts at Big Island Dairy: waste from cows are used at a bio-energy facility to create electricity, which creates a fertilizer bi-product, and is used to grow feedstock for the cows. Mr. Enright also discussed the farm installing photovoltaic panels on their barns, decreasing their dependence on fossil fuel.
- Rep. Coffman discussed the relationship between energy and food. He also discussed several pieces of legislation that he looks forward to introducing in future legislative sessions.
- Dep. Director Kaulukukui discussed DLNR's efforts ensure the State's water supply and near-shore fisheries

Friday, June 22, 2012

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

❖ **HSAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG.**

- ❖ HSAC Executive Committee conducted board business, including the adoption of the treasurer's report, committee minutes, and committee reports.
- ❖ The Exec. Committee also discussed the proposed Executive Director of HSAC position, elected the new HSAC slate of officers, NACo and WIR appointments, HSAC annual budget, upcoming HSAC Legislative Package and upcoming NACo Conference in Pittsburg.

9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

❖ **COUNCIL OF MAYORS – HAWAII COUNTIES' FUTURE**

❖ Moderator: Councilmember Stanley Chang

❖ Panelist:

- Mayor Bernard Carvalho, Jr. – County of Kauai
- Deputy Managing Director Wally Lau – County of Hawaii
- Mayor Alan Arakawa – County of Maui
- Managing Director Douglas Chin – City & County of Honolulu

❖ Panelists discussed and presented analysis and action for Hawaii's economic and social development

- Mayor Carvalho discussed the importance of all levels of government working together to achieve county goals. He discussed Kauai's public policy initiative, "Holo Holo 2020" and the county's goal to expand bus service, develop a new landfill, and support the military and the Pacific Missile Range facility.
- Mr. Lau discussed Hawaii County's Hawaiian traditions of "laulima – working together" and "lokahi – harmony and balance". He spoke primarily about the success of constructing the West Hawaii Civic Center and how that project incorporated those principles, thus making it a success.
- Mayor Arakawa discussed the need for counties to be self-sustaining in food production, energy production and ensure we have adequate infrastructure to support residents. His main point was to take care of what we have first before expanding.
- Mr. Chin highlighted strategies the City uses to move Honolulu forward: 1) transforming Honolulu into a global city; 2) improving the City's infrastructure; 3) transit-oriented development; 4) diversified agriculture; and 5) continue the City's 28 cities sister-city relationships

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CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: JULY 2, 2012

Traveler: ERNEST Y. MARTIN

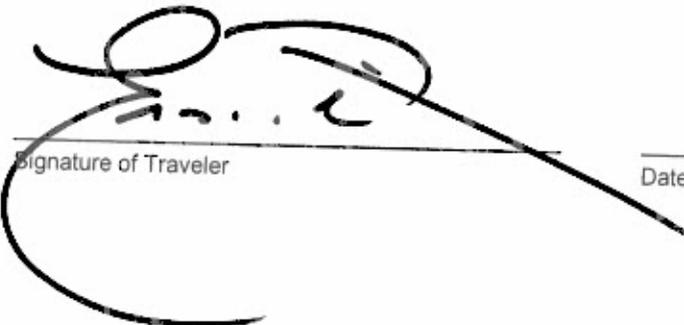
Event: HSAC CONFERENCE - HI COUNTY 6/21-6/22 - 2012 Annual

Location: HAPUNA BEACH PRINCE HOTEL South Kohala Coast, Big Island

Dates: From 6/21/12 To 6/22/12

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee		
2. Airfare	172.60	Online receipt attached
3. Hotel	493.35	Receipt attached
4. Meals	134.73	Receipts attached
5. Ground Transportation	190.94	Rental Car
6. Tips	25.00	PORTERAGE + TAX
7. Other	68.00	PARKING CHARGES
Other	-190.94	-RENTAL CAR-
Other	17.00	BAGGAGE FEE
8. Adjustment		
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	1101.62	

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

7/2/2012
Date