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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: COUNCILMEMBER STANLEY CHANG

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACo) 2011
LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE TRIP REPORT

My trip to the National Association of Counties (NACo) annual legislative conference was a valuable experience for me and my colleagues. This conference provided us with the opportunity to network with and learn from city and county officials from across our great country. Whether called a Councilmember, Supervisor, Judge or Alderman, our titles here did not matter. What did matter was our common belief that community government works. This key theme of NACo's allowed us, as conference attendees, to see past our differences and focus on sharing solutions to the everyday problems challenging cities and counties across the United States.

A lot of time was devoted to community building amongst attendees. As a freshman Councilmember, these opportunities to engage with fellow elected officials were among the most educational parts of the conference. This meant that I could test ideas and pose questions about how they had dealt with issues in their home towns like the budget crisis, unfunded mandates from state and federal government, and more mundane issues like rolling out new technologies for the repair of pot holes.

The NACo board meetings and general sessions were well attended. The speakers all provided insight on how community government can be more effective in their respective fields. Speakers included: Admiral Mike Mullen Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, U.S. Attorney General Eric J. Holder; former Florida congressman Joe Scarborough;

Senator Chris Coons of Delaware; Paul Ballew the chief economist for insurance giant Nationwide; Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Florida Congressman John Mica; and Chair of the House Natural Resources Committee Washington Congressman Doc Hastings.

The programming at the conference provided me with excellent training on a myriad of topics that relate directly to initiatives here in Honolulu. The session on “cloud computing” provided a road map for counties to improve services and information access to constituents while at the same time reducing costs. Other sessions that I attended provided information on disaster recovery and tools for county promotion.

Our Hawaii delegation to the NACo conference was led by Derek Kawakami, then Kaua’i Councilmember and President of the Hawaii State Association of Counties (HSAC). Under the umbrella of HSAC, the Hawaii delegation spent an entire day visiting our Hawaii delegates to Congress and Senate, seeking their support on issues relating to HSAC and NACo. At these meetings the delegation discussed Honolulu’s rail project, unfunded mandates from the federal government, reductions to the community development block grants funding, APEC, and alternatives to Honolulu’s settlement on the secondary treatment of wastewater.

While in Washington D.C., we also took the opportunity to meet with the executive director of OCA, formerly the Organization of Chinese Americans and to meet with Special Representative Reta Jo Lewis of the U.S. Department of State. The meeting with Ms. Lewis yielded tangible results for the City and County of Honolulu. Our objective in meeting with Ms. Lewis was to secure support from the Department of State in conjunction with the Counties of Hawaii Sister City Summit being held on September 14, 2011. As a result of this highly anticipated meeting, Special Representative Lewis committed to assisting Honolulu and our sister counties in expediting visas for conference attendees and to attending the conference as a featured speaker on the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation summit being held in Honolulu in early November of this year.

This conference provided me with training, contacts, and information that I will employ in my service to the constituents of East Honolulu. I strongly recommend that every member of the Honolulu City Council participate in NACo’s annual legislative conference. The access to people and the knowledge gained at this conference are invaluable to the service our great city.

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CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Traveler: Councilmember Stanley P. Chang

Event: NACo Legislative Conference

Location: Washington, D.C.

Dates: From March 3, 2011 To March 10, 2011

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee	\$490.00	Receipt attached
2. Airfare	\$806.61	Online receipt attached
3. Hotel	\$0.00	
4. Meals	\$119.42	Receipts attached
5. Ground Transportation	\$60.00	Receipts attached
6. Tips	\$0.00	
7. Other	\$46.00	Baggage Fees, See Bank of Hawaii Statement
Other	\$199.79	Omiyage (Leis), Receipt attached
Other	\$0.00	
TOTAL COST OF THE TRIP	\$1,721.82	
MINUS REIMB/ADVANCE BY THE CITY	\$1,541.25	\$490.00 for reg. fee & \$1,051.25 as per diem
REIMBURSEMENT DUE TO TRAVELER	\$180.57	

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

6/3/11
Date