

**NESTOR R. GARCIA, Chair**  
**Honolulu City Council**

**TRIP REPORT**  
**National Association of Counties Board of Directors**  
**Fall Meeting**  
**December 2 - 4, 2010**  
**Tarrant County, Texas**

**Introduction**

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is the only national organization that represents county governments. Founded in 1935, and celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, NACo provides essential services to the nation's 3,068 counties.

At NACo's annual convention held this year in Reno, I was formally named to the NACo board of directors. The President of NACo, Judge Glenn Whitley of Tarrant County, Texas, exercised his discretion and named me as an At-Large appointee to the board. As such, I was invited to join NACo's delegation to China in September, to attend the International Friendship Cities conference in Shanghai. The President called on me to share the findings of that China trip with the members of the board at the Fall meeting. The meeting also included discussion and review of the 2011 NACo budget, NACo's legislative priorities, NACo's Strategic Plan, as well as reports from the various NACo committees.

**Thursday, Dec. 2**

On this day, the meeting of the newly-reconstituted International Task Force met at the conference hotel (the Hilton at Southlake). In attendance were the co-chairs (myself and NACo past president Valerie Brown), along with NACo Executive Director Larry Naake, and NACo staffer Stephanie Osborn (who serves as NACo's Deputy Director of Community Services).

Discussion centered on the make-up of the committee, what its goals and objectives should be, and if the committee should focus on a particular issue of interest to the members of NACo. There was discussion on whether the committee should commit NACo as a participant in the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation summit scheduled for Honolulu in November of 2011. I spoke of my efforts to organize the county governments in Hawaii, along with the economic development boards in each county, to focus on how the counties can participate in APEC with the idea of securing economic benefits from the summit.

**Friday, Dec. 3**

The entire board met to:

- approve the minutes of the board meeting at the Annual Conference held in Reno;
- approve various nominees to the board of directors;
- review and approve the proposed 2011 legislative priorities and steering committee reports.

After a break for lunch, the board reconvened to discuss and approve the proposed 2011 NACo strategic plan. I participated and suggested the following (which were included in the plan):

- try to reach out to other county employees rather than just concentrate on elected officials;
- encourage the counties that they should look beyond their borders and engage in relationships overseas that could benefit them politically, socially and economically;
- to further the effort to create a NACo ambassador/champions group to “sell” NACo to officials and other stakeholders, why not call on former NACo presidents to form a Presidents Club?

**Saturday, Dec. 4**

On this day, the board met to formally approve the following:

- the President’s Report. Here is where I was called on to do a power-point presentation on the NACo delegation’s trip to China in September. While the delegation visited 3 cities in China (Beijing, Harbin and Shanghai), the highlight of the trip was our participation in the International Friendship Cities conference in Shanghai. My co-chair of the International Task Force, NACo past president Valerie Brown, then spoke of the need to have NACo engage itself with other countries in the effort to participate in the global economy, as well as to exchange ideas in government, education, and other issues and programs of mutual interest.

The board later reviewed and approved other action items including the proposed 2011 Strategic Plan, various committee reports, and the proposed 2011 NACo budget.

There was a program briefing on retirement benefits extended to interested NACo members from the Nationwide Insurance Co.

The board later convened in Executive Session to be briefed on a lawsuit against the organization from Florida officials.

The next board meeting will be held in Washington, D.C., during NACo’s annual Legislative Conference, scheduled for March 2011.

Respectfully submitted,



NESTOR R. GARCIA  
Chair, Honolulu City Council  
Vice President, HSAC  
Board of Directors at-large member, NACp

City Council  
City and County of Honolulu

# CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: December 9, 2010

Traveler: NESTOR GARCIA

Event: National Association of Counties Board of Directors Meeting

Location: Dallas, TX

Dates: From December 1, 2010 To December 4, 2010

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee		
2. Airfare		
3. Hotel	\$687.49	Advance purchase. Redacted credit card statement attached
4. Meals	\$96.07	Receipts attached
5. Ground Transportation	\$27.00	Shuttle to and from airport
6. Tips	\$3.00	
7. Other		
Other		
Other		
8. Adjustment		
<b>TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT</b>	<b>\$813.56</b>	

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

December 9, 2010

Date