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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 7, 2023  
TO: Council Administrative Services  
FROM: Councilmember Esther Kia'āina 

SUBJECT: Travel report for Trip to D.C. to assist Maui with Economic Recovery Efforts, from October 21, 2023 to October 26, 2023.

The impact of the August 8, 2023, wildfires on Maui had a devastating impact to Maui with the loss of nearly 100 lives and the destruction of more than 2,200 structures. The financial impact of the disaster has also adversely impacted Maui's economy, which also impacts Hawaii's overall economy and the economy of the City and County of Honolulu. On September 6, 2023, the Honolulu City Council passed Resolution 23-194, which committed the City Council and the City and County of Honolulu to aiding in Maui's recovery.

Moreover, on October 13, 2023, Honolulu City Council Chair Tommy Waters and Vice-Chair Esther Kia'āina, sent a joint letter with state-wide and Maui business, political, and non-profit leaders to Hawai'i's Congressional Delegation urging supplemental funding beyond FEMA funding be considered for Maui to address long-term disaster and recovery needs.

Between October 23-25, 2023, Jocelyn Doane, Chief of Staff for Vice-Chair Kia'āina, accompanied the Councilmember to Washington, D.C. with a Hawai'i delegation of leaders, which the Vice-Chair co-led, to meet with our Hawai'i Congressional Delegation (U.S. Senator Brian Schatz, U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono, U.S. Rep. Ed Case, and U.S. Rep. Jill Tokuda) about Maui economic recovery efforts. Other meetings included the White House, the Small Business Administration, the Economic Development Administration, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, FEMA, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

To save overall costs for the trip, Vice-Chair Kia'āina used her airline miles and personal funds to pay for her air travel. She and Jocelyn Doane also stayed with a friend of the Vice-Chair. The only funds being sought for reimbursement costs is for the air and ground travel costs for Jocelyn Doane, and the ground travel costs for the Vice-Chair.

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# CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: 10/31/23

Traveler: Esther Kia'aina


Event: Trip to Washington D.C. to assist Maui with Economic Recovery Summit

Location: Washington D.C.

Dates: From 10/21/2023 To 10/26/2023

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee		
2. Airfare		
3. Hotel		
4. Meals		
5. Ground Transportation	105.97	
6. Tips		
7. Other		
Other		
Other		
8. Adjustment		
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	105.97	

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

11/7/23  
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Date