

I attended the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement's Native Hawaiian Convention, the largest convening of Native Hawaiians, on Maui from November 14 - 17th, 2023. In an effort to support and inspire the Maui community during this difficult time, CNHA moved their convention from O'ahu to Maui.

My staff and I helped organize a workshop entitled "Self-Determination through Community Action." The panel included Councilmember Kia'aina, Senator Keohokalole and community leader Archie Kalepa and was moderated by Breann Nu'uhiwa. The panel discussed examples of Native Hawaiians exercising their self-determination to take care of the needs of their communities, in the areas of education, culture, natural resources, and when responding to disasters like the Maui wildfires -- also addressing community safety and basic needs like providing food, water, and shelter. The applicable panel members also discussed that their desire to address community needs was an impetus for deciding to serve as law and policy makers, and therefore all community members have the power and kuleana to advance community priorities, which they can do through engaging, digging in and doing the work, and also through service as legislators, administrators, and as state/county staff. The panel served as an opportunity to uplift members of the audience to exert self-determination, or their right as a people to determine their own path, establish strong community bonds, organize effectively, and serve the community, to move us towards a more powerful lāhui. The panel was the most crowded by far and some attendees shared it was their favorite session of the week.

We attended numerous meetings, general sessions, keynote speeches, workshops, and informal convention events, including:

- Maui Mayor Richard Bissen Keynote Speech
- Lahaina's Vision for the Future Panel Discussion
- Know Your Wai: Where Did the Water Go Panel Discussion
- Hawai'i Tourism Authority Chairman Blaine Miyasato
- The Future of Tourism Panel Discussion
- Meeting with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Army Core of Engineers, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and staff of the U.S. White House in Lahaina
- Lahaina Advisory Committee Panel Discussion
- Understanding the Relationship Between Native Hawaiians & the Media Panel Discussion

Additionally, the convention provided an opportunity to regroup with the team of state-wide and Maui small business stakeholders, Maui administrative and legislative



representatives, and Maui nonprofits that traveled to Washington D.C. in October to advocate for and support efforts for supplemental funding for long-term disaster and recovery needs on Maui. The group discussed next steps from the letter it sent the Hawai'i Congressional Delegation (see attached letter) and follow up on meetings with 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 (see attached report). Additionally, myself and other members of the group were able to visit Lahaina and ask questions of FEMA, U.S. Army Core, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and White House officials. We learned that the U.S. Army Corps was originally present to assist with providing emergency power to support emergency rescue services, then began the next part of its kuleana which is to assist with large scale debris removal. They anticipate that it will be approximately 6 - 12 months until they finish the large-scale debris removal, depending on how long it takes for them to obtain rights of entry from all of the landowners. The goal is that the properties will be clean enough for landowners to rebuild without having to obtain additional permits. Their other projects include building a temporary elementary school and processing sites for temporary housing. The EPA shared their kuleana to remove household hazardous materials, including new technologies they are having to test/build in order to safely execute their task. Finally the U.S. Coast Guard shared how they assisted with search and rescue during and immediately following the wildfires, and shared their continuing kuleana over debris removal in the harbor. So far 86 vessels have been removed and the goal is to be finished with removing all the destroyed vessels by the end of the year. This site visit was very informative for the group and will assist with our advocacy moving forward.











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CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: 11/27/23

Traveler: Jocelyn Doane

Event: *AG3* 22nd Annual Native Hawaiian Convention

Location: Maui *MH*

Dates: From Nov. 14, 2023 To Nov. 17, 2023

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee		
2. Airfare	147.60	
3. Hotel	949.83	
4. Meals		
5. Ground Transportation	33.85	
6. Tips		
7. Other		
Other		
Other		
8. Adjustment		
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	983.68 1147.48 <i>AG</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:

Jocelyn Doane
Signature of Traveler

11/28/23
Date