Broomfield City Council Training and Travel Report

Elected Official Name: Bob Gaiser

Date of Travel or Training: November 28-December 1, 2012

Description of Travel or Training: NLC Congress of Cities Conference

Total Amount Expended:	Conference	$ 410.00
	Airfare:	$ 227.70
	Hotel	$ 442.92
	Per Diem:	$ 284.00
	Misc	$ 100.00
	Total:	$ 1,464.62

Total Paid by Broomfield:	$ 499.96
Total Paid by Bob Gaiser:	$ 964.66

How this Travel or Training Benefitted the Citizens of Broomfield:

Broomfield is a member of the National League of Cities, the national organization representing municipal governments throughout the United States. Its mission is to strengthen and promote cities as centers of opportunity, leadership, and governance. www.NLC.org

Working in partnership with the 49 state municipal leagues, the National League of Cities serves as a resource to and an advocate for the more than 18,000 cities, villages, and towns it represents. More than 1,600 municipalities of all sizes pay dues to NLC and actively participate as leaders and voting members in the organization.

I was nominated to the Human Development Policy Steering Committee by the President of the National League of Cities. The Human Development (HD) Committee is responsible for the development of policies on

employment and job training, early childhood development, TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families), unemployment insurances, income support programs, immigration and refugee policy, health and education, equal opportunity, and social services.

This policy committee draws up the platform of the NLC that is used for current legislative and regulatory activities and then recommend them to be adopted by the NLC as their policies. This committee deals with all the issues in the social area of the NLC. The Human Development Steering Committee identified two issues that it will spend a great deal of time on. The main issue is again **Social Security Reform**, which will be the focus of our spring meeting; the second is issues about **Health and Human Services and Immigration**, which will be the focus of our fall meeting. This committee fits well into the needs of Broomfield and our Health and Human Services department.

I was re-elected to be President of the Gay, Lesbian, and Transsexuals Local Officials (GLBTLO). Serving in this capacity I will join the Chairs of the other 7 Policy and Advocacy Committees and the Chairs of the 5 Constituency Groups, the Board of Directors and the NLC Officers for the Executive Planning meeting of the National League of Cities this week.

During the past year I submitted two resolutions to the Finance, administration and intergovernmental relations committee (FAIR) on behalf of the GLBTLO constituency group. I was on a conference call with the FAIR committee in September discussing the two resolutions. One was concerning Marriage Equality and the second one was concerning fair taxation for gay and lesbian couples in the tax code. After a healthy discussion of the issue they decided that not enough member of the committee were on the call to fully discuss the issue and to defer it to the March 2013 meeting in Washington D.C.

During the Convention in Boston, I was made aware that I could get the two resolutions passed in the resolution committee of the National League of Cities. I presented the two resolutions to the resolution committee with the support from members of the Board of Directors (who sit on the committee). I also had support from a number of councilmembers from various cities. I was able to get the two resolutions passed by the resolution committee which is a major accomplishment. Once resolutions become approved by the resolution committee they can be adopted by the body of the NLC and serve for lobbying principles with the federal government.

However there were some states that said they would withdraw from the NLC if the NLC approved the resolutions. Being mindful of the monetary position of the NLC, and in discussion with the First Vice President Coleman of the National League of Cities (and the executive director) I agreed to withdraw the two resolutions in exchange for two items. One is that the first out gay Senator Tammy Baldwin would be invited to speak at the Convention in Washington D.C. at a general session of the NLC. The second is that a panel on marriage equality and taxation would be presented to the FAIR committee at the March meeting where the two resolutions would be presented and discussed again. Both items were approved in negotiation with the First Vice President and the executive director of the NLC. We will be discussing the implementation of these issues this week at the NLC Leader Planning meeting in Washington D.C.

I think it is a major accomplishment to get two resolutions passed by the resolution committee and to get to influence the NLC to invite an U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin to speak at the convention. With the support I have, I look forward to passing these two resolutions in the next year.

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
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OPENING GENERAL SESSION
GLBTLO BUSINESS MEETING
BUDGET DISCUSSION FOR CITIES
NLC RESOLUTIONS MEETING
NLC GROUP LEADER'S MEETING
FRACKING DISCUSSION
CH2MHIL RECEPTION
GLBTLO RECEPTION
CONSTITUENCY GROUP MEETING
JOINT CONSTITUENCY GROUP RECEPTION
GENERAL SESSION
NEGOTIATIONS WITH FIRST VICE PRESIDENT COLEMAN
COLORADO ISSUES BRIEFING (COLORADO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE)
GENERAL SESSION
WESTERN MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION