



Broomfield City Council Training and Travel Report

Elected Official Name: Bob Gaiser

Date of Travel or Training: March 2-8, 2012

Description of Travel or Training: NACo Legislative Conference

Total Amount Expended:	Conference	\$ 465.00
	Airfare:	\$ 194.30
	Hotel:	\$ 886.26
	Per Diem:	\$ 462.00
	Misc:	\$ 40.00
	Total:	\$2,047.56

Total Paid by Broomfield: \$1,545.56

Total Paid by Bob Gaiser: \$ 502.00

How this Travel or Training Benefitted the Citizens of Broomfield:

As a County Broomfield is a member of the National Association of Counties whose goal is to ensure that the nation's 3066 counties are heard and understood in the White House and the halls of Congress and represent 80% of the nation's population (only 2,000 counties belong). NACo provides legislative, research, technical and public affairs assistance as well as other enterprise services to its members. We also lobby our Federal congressman and the White House and present our needs as counties to their Chief of Staff and Legislative Aids. www.NACo.org

NACo's Committees, whose members include county officials from every region of the country, are charged on an annual basis with evaluating issues and policies. The policy development process leads to the publication of the American County Platform, which NACo uses as a guide to deliver county government's message to the Administration, Congress and the American public.) This year as a result of my involvement in REAL Colorado and CCI

the Colorado delegation urged that NACo apply these principles to all of NACo Steering Committees.

As a member of the Finance and Intergovernmental Affairs Steering Committee I deal with all matters pertaining to the financial resources of counties; fiscal management; federal assistance; municipal borrowing; county revenues; federal budget; federal tax reform; elections and Native American issues. Since I sit on the Steering Committee I approve the agenda to NACo to adopt current policies. We examine and approve all policies in under the purview of this committee. We passed the proposed resolution on the Marketplace Fairness act which permits the collection of sales and use taxes from remote sellers. This would directly increase the sales tax to the City and County of Broomfield.

Broomfield is also a member of Colorado Counties, Inc., the state arm of NACo. I was designated as lead speaker for Colorado Counties Caucus in the meeting with Jared Polis. As a partisan group CCI votes on the six issues that we as a state will support as a non-partisan group. We work on these issues during the fall and winter months at meetings at CCII. They include:

1. Transportation Funding. We support the reauthorization of the federal transportation act with a focus on maintaining and rehabilitating existing infrastructure and creating a sustainable multimodal transportation system.
2. TANF Funding. Support timely reauthorization of appropriations for temporary aid for needy families programs. Colorado is one of 17 states that receive TANF Supplemental funding due to significantly increasing poverty rates in the state.
3. PILT & SRS Funding. This is for counties with impacts of federal tax-exempt public lands, which Broomfield has none.
4. Medicaid. Maintain original federal-state-local funding partnership and oppose measures that will shift Medicaid costs to counties.
5. REAL Colorado Initiative. Increased Federal-Local Government partnerships toward working with counties to honor REAL Colorado principles of Responsive, Efficient, Accountable, and strong Local-State-Federal Partnerships.
6. Immigration Reform. Because the current immigration system, which is the purview of the federal government, is ineffective, an unnecessary burden is placed on local jurisdictions and our residents.

All of these issues (except number three) affect Broomfield and the federal dollars we receive either directly from the federal government or through the state of Colorado.

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

COLORADO DELEGATION CAUCUS
FINANCE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE-INDIAN
AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE
FINANCE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE-FISCAL
POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE
FINANCE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE-
ELECTIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
NACO PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION
FINANCE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS STEERING
COMMITTEE
NACo Health Steering
NACo the clean water act: out with the wash
NACo opportunities in the affordable Care Act: Strengthen the local health
system
NACo Hydraulic Fracturing: Balancing Energy independence vrs.
Environmental concerns
OPENING SESSION
GENERAL SESSION
NACo budget and Appropriations understanding the deficit debate
ATTENDEE LUNCHEON
NACO PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

CCI LOBBY APPOINTMENTS

SENATOR BENNET
SENATOR UDALL
CONGRESSMAN GARDNER
CONGRESSMAN PERLMUTTER
CONGRESSMAN POLIS
CONGRESSMAN COFFMAN
CONGRESSMAN TIPTON
CONGRESSMAN DI GETTE
CONGRESSMAN LAMBORN (NO SHOW)