Linn County Supervisor Linda Langston elected NACo Second Vice President

PORTLAND, ORE. – The membership of the National Association of Counties (NACo) elected Linn County, Iowa Supervisor Linda Langston NACo Second Vice President during the association’s 76th Annual Conference and Exposition in Multnomah County/Portland, Ore. The position puts her in line to become NACo President in July 2013.

Langston has been active in NACo since being elected to the Linn County Board of Supervisors in 2003. She has served the nation’s counties in several leadership positions, including two terms as chair of NACo’s Health Steering Committee, vice chair of the subcommittee on Health Reform and Health Disparities, and chair of the Arts and Culture Commission. She has also been an active member of NACo’s Rural Action Caucus, the 2008 Presidential Election Committee and the Health Reform Working Group, which was responsible for ensuring that the interests of county government were reflected in national health reform. This past year she chaired NACo’s Healthy Counties Initiative.

“I am deeply honored to help lead this great organization,” Langston said. “I believe in counties and the work that NACo does to assist us in supporting our citizens. I think we are best served when we work together to build vision and craft policy.

“In these challenging economic times,” she continued, “NACo offers support, ideas and programs to county officials. Perhaps as important, NACo gives us a platform to advocate for strengthening the partnership of our local and federal government. NACo represents people from a broad spectrum of backgrounds, interests and political perspectives, which allows us to build relationships and consensus to better serve our citizens as we learn and work together. At the county level is where real work gets done unencumbered by politics and I am so pleased to have this opportunity to work with my fellow county officials across the nation.”

Langston is involved in many community groups in Linn County. She serves on a variety of boards and commissions including as chair of the Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization, East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG), the Linn County Public Health Board, Arc of East Central Iowa and the Housing Trust Fund of Linn County. Linda is an active member of Downtown Rotary, Oak Hill Cemetery Association and PFLAG.

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At the state level, Linda was appointed by Governor Vilsack to the Innovation Fund Committee and by Governor Culver to the Mental Health Developmental Disability Brain Injury Commission. She is active in the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC), serving as Second Vice President of Supervisor Affiliate and as a member of ISAC's Human Services Committee.

Linda will serve on NACo's 2011-12 Executive Committee with President Lenny Eliason, Athens County, Ohio; First Vice President Chris Rodgers, Douglas County, Neb., and Immediate Past President Glen Whitley, Tarrant County, Texas.


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