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Large county caucus to study innovative health, juvenile justice, transportation efforts in Alameda County

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Association of Counties (NACo) 2011 Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC) will study best practices and innovative programs in health and human services, juvenile justice and transportation during the group’s Annual Meeting June 15-17 at the Claremont Hotel in Alameda County (Oakland), Calif.

Comprised of the key decision makers from the nation’s most populous metropolitan counties, LUCC identifies urban challenges, provides input in developing national solutions and implements grassroots and educational programs for the enhancement of communities nationwide.

“Showcasing Innovation on the Sunny Side of the Bay,” the 2011 LUCC Annual Meeting will showcase effective programs and initiatives spearheaded by county governments from across the country. The meeting will be hosted by LUCC Vice Chair and Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty.

Sessions will include: “Promoting Health and Wellness in Metropolitan Communities” – featuring keynote speaker Jamba, Inc. Chairman, President and CEO James D. White; “The Importance of Investing in Metropolitan Transportation;” “Connecting Kids to Coverage Challenge: Alameda County Steps Up,” and “How to Preserve the Social Services Safety Net.”

LUCC members will also participate in the following site tours on Thursday, June 16:

- County officials will see first-hand the ongoing improvements of the Bay Bridge, which is undergoing a massive upgrade in light of the dangers of seismic activity. (11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.)

- Officials will tour the Alameda County Juvenile Justice Center, a state-of-the-art facility which provides innovative comprehensive services for local at risk youth and includes a 360-bed Juvenile Hall with adjacent court and justice system offices. (2-3 p.m.)

- Officials will tour Youth UpRising, a state-of-the-art neighborhood hub offering young people services and programs that promote their physical and mental, educational and long term well being. (3:30-4:30 p.m.)

Click here for full agenda. For more information, contact Jim Philipps at 202.942.4220 or jphilipps@naco.org.

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