

NACo LARGE URBAN COUNTY CAUCUS



America's urban counties play a prominent role in **150 MILLION RESIDENTS' LIVES** every day. We foster conditions for economic strength, build and maintain transportation systems and critical infrastructure, promote community health and well-being, champion justice and public safety and implement a broad portfolio of federal, state and local programs.

The National Association of Counties (NACo) Large Urban County Caucus, or "**LUCC**," is the premier forum for urban county leaders and is the **voice for America's metropolitan counties before Congress and the Administration.**

Comprised of county executives, governing board members and other senior elected officials, LUCC members focus on urban challenges and solutions, engage in peer-to-peer information exchanges, inform national policy discussions.

Nearly half of all Americans call 127 urban counties home

Urban Counties employ 1.6 million full time employees, half of the nation's county workforce.



large counties invest

OVER **\$354 BILLION**
IN CRITICAL
PROGRAMS AND
SERVICES

OVER **\$35 BILLION** ON
TRANSPORTATION, ACCOUNTING
FOR A TOTAL OF 2/3 OF ALL COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS

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A **BIPARTISAN CAUCUS**, LUCC meets in conjunction with the NACo Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. each winter and at the NACo Annual Conference in July. Its annual Symposium, held in the fall, is emerging as the must-attend event for LUCC members to engage with influencers and innovators from world class philanthropic organizations, think tanks, academic institutions and businesses, to foster creative and new public/private collaborations and partnerships.

Since the early 1990s, **LUCC HAS ADVOCATED** for NACo policies with significant impact on urban counties. For 2016, the top legislative and policy priorities for urban counties are to:

- **Protect Municipal Bonds**
- **Support Marketplace Fairness**
- **Protect Medicaid**
- **Promote County Priorities in Surface Transportation Implementation, and**
- **Achieve Mental Health and Criminal Justice Reform.**

Officials from NACo **MEMBER COUNTIES WITH A POPULATION OVER 500,000** are eligible to participate in LUCC. LUCC is led by a steering committee with a chair and vice chair, all appointed by the NACo president on an annual basis.

For more information about the Large Urban County Caucus, visit www.naco.org or contact NACo Deputy Legislative Director and LUCC Liaison, Dr. Paul Beddow at pbeddow@naco.org or 202.942.4234.

Large counties own
17,745 BRIDGES



17,745

Large counties
are involved with
136 AIRPORTS



136

Large counties support
127 HOSPITALS with over **37,000 BEDS**
and over **6.7 MILLION PATIENT DAYS**



127

Sources:

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