



## Immediate Past President Linda Langston

Linn County, Iowa Supervisor Linda Langston became the immediate past president of the National Association of Counties (NACo) on July 14, 2014 at the NACo Annual Conference: County Solutions and Idea Marketplace in Orleans Parish, La.

As NACo's 2013-2014 president, Langston led NACo's efforts on Capitol Hill to protect the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds and other legislative and federal priorities. Her presidential initiative was [Resilient Counties](#), which focused on building communities' capacity to be ready, resilient, agile and adaptive in the face of natural, manmade and economic disasters. Her home county was devastated by flooding in 2008.

Leaders from the U.S. Capitol to the White House and beyond seek her advice and expertise on issues related to county government and resiliency. Langston is a member of the Resilient America Roundtable for the National Academy of Sciences and the National Advisory Council for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA.

Active in NACo since 2003, Langston was first elected as a NACo officer in 2011. She has held many NACo leadership positions, including chair of NACo's Health Steering Committee, chair of the Healthy Counties Advisory Board, chair of the Finance Committee and chair of the Arts and Culture Commission. Her outstanding leadership in arts and culture earned her the 2009 Americans for the Arts' Public Official of the Year Award.

Langston was first elected to the Linn County Board of Supervisors in 2002. She serves on a variety of boards, commissions and community organizations including chair of the East Central Iowa Council of Governments, the Linn County Public Health Board, Downtown Rotary and her local workforce development board.

Prior to being elected to the Linn County Board of Supervisors, Langston was a museum director and a psychotherapist in private practice, as well as a small business owner.

Born in Chicago and raised in Iowa, Langston graduated from Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois with a degree in history. She is a 2007 graduate of Harvard's Kennedy School of Government for State and Local Officials. Langston and her husband, Dave, have two grown sons.