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NACo's Know Before You Go Webinar

Thursday, Jan. 29 | 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. ET

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WELCOME!

Hon. Renee Couch

Membership Committee Chair, NACo
Treasurer, Comal County, Texas

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NACo's Why – Legislative Conference Themes, Goals and Purpose

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Purpose

- **Federal Advocacy and Policy Influence**
- **Policy Steering Committees and Resolutions**
- **Education and Information Sharing**
- **Networking and Best Practices Exchange**
- **Engagement with Congress and the Administration**



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Themes – What Will You See Around the Conference?

- **Governing in Action**
- **Strengthening Intergovernmental Partnerships**
- **Regulations, reauthorization and policy reform**

Other Key Topics

- **Disaster Mitigation & Emergency Management**
- **Public Lands, Environment & Natural Resources**
- **Infrastructure, Economic Development & Workforce**
- **Tax & Finance**
- **Housing & Human Services**
- **Public Health & Criminal Justice**
- **Election Integrity & Cybersecurity**

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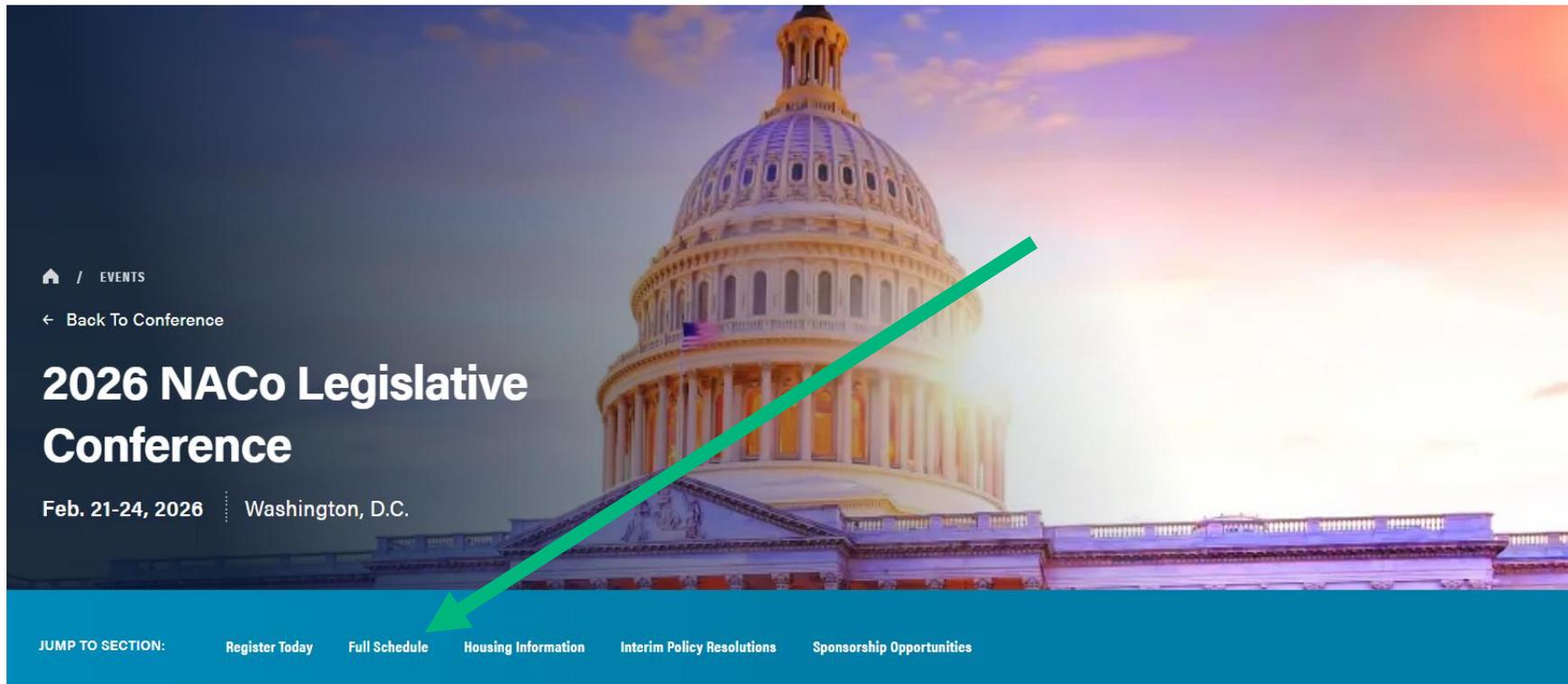
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Overview

- Explore full conference schedule at <https://www.naco.org/event/2026-naco-legislative-conference/full-schedule>
- Registration and most events will take place at the Washington Hilton



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Pre-Conference | Friday, Feb. 20

- Policy Steering Committee Explainer
- NACo Technology Innovation Forum
- Disaster Response Training
- Childcare Supply Network National Showcase



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Day 1 | Saturday, Feb. 21

- First-time Attendee Breakfast at **8:00 A.M.**
- Policy Steering Committee meetings throughout the day – ***open to all!***
- NACo Affiliates, Affinity Groups and State Associations may host meetings and receptions in the evening



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Day 2 | Sunday, Feb. 22

- Rural, Midsize and Urban Caucus Meetings
- Standing Committees & Innovation Council Meetings
- Educational Workshops:
 - *Policy Outlook and the 119th Congress*
 - *Continuum of Care Landscape*
 - *SNAP and Medicaid Reform*
 - *AI and Cybersecurity*
 - *Property Tax Under Pressure*
- Regional Forums for Great Lake and Gulf Coast Counties
- National Center for Public Lands Counties Forum
- Affiliate Meetings



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Day 3 | Monday, Feb. 23

- Region Caucus Meetings
- General Session at 9:00 A.M.
- Federal Agency Expo from 10:45 – 11:45 A.M.
- Policy Summits from 1:30 – 3:15 P.M.
 - *Counties and the Future of Transportation Policy*
 - *Counties and Federal Disaster Policy*
 - *Energy, Data Centers and County Land Use*
 - *Election Administration*

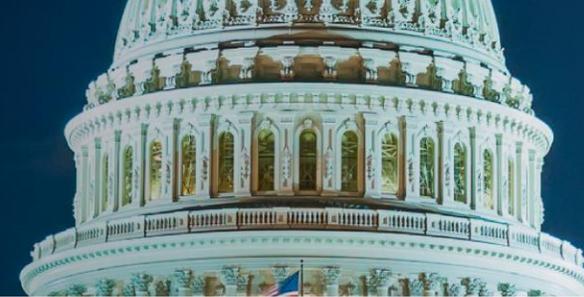


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Day 4 | Tuesday, Feb. 24

- General Session at 9:00 A.M.
- Advocacy Day of Action
- County Storytellers Workshop
- Closing Reception



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Tips for Success!

- Review conference schedule and identify sessions of most interest to you!
- All meetings are open to all attendees, unless specifically noted
- Get your bearings at the first-time attendee breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 21
- Don't miss out on General Sessions!
- Don't hesitate to ask NACo staff for help!
- Try out a Policy Steering Committee, attend your county's population caucus meeting, and learn from a policy summit



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Don't Forget to Download the NACo Conference App

- Available for Apple and Android devices
- Create your own schedule
- Access meeting content
- View other attendees
- Send messages
- *Don't worry!* Printed schedules are available at the registration desk

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POLICY STEERING COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

THERE ARE TEN NACo POLICY STEERING COMMITTEES:

1. Agriculture & Rural Affairs
2. Community, Economic & Workforce Development
3. Environment, Energy & Land Use
4. Finance, Pensions & Intergovernmental Affairs
5. Health
6. Human Services & Education
7. Justice & Public Safety
8. Public Lands
9. Telecommunications & Technology
10. Transportation

BENEFITS OF JOINING A PSC

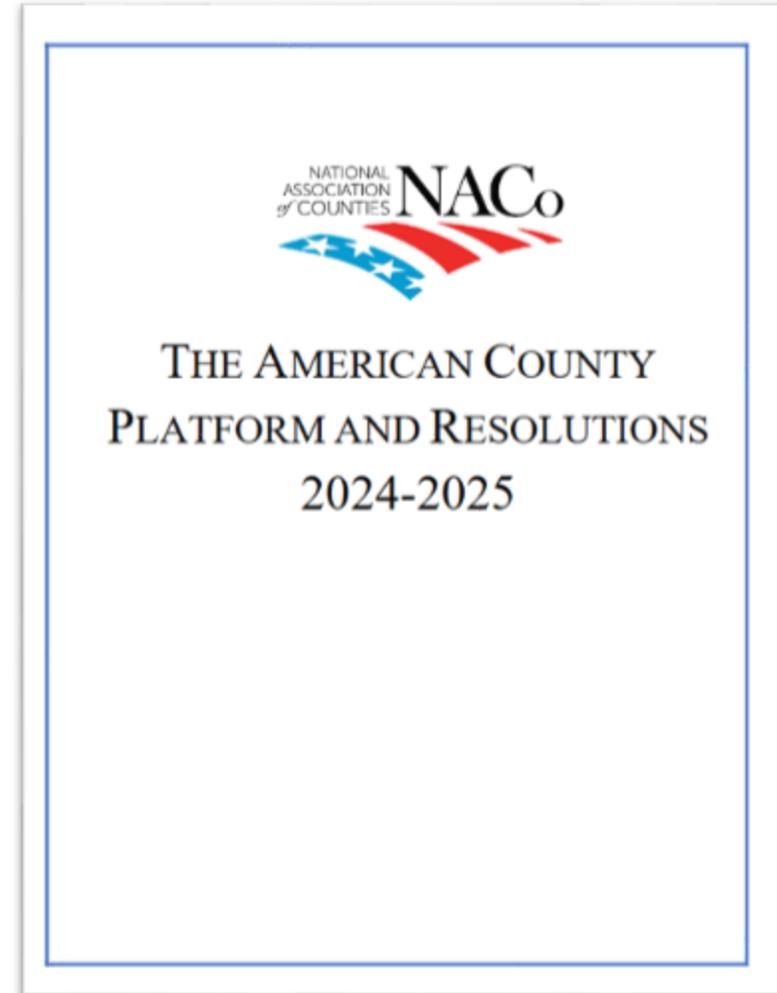
INFORM NATIONAL POLICY
AND STAY UP-TO-DATE ON
ISSUES IMPACTING YOUR
COUNTY

ACCESS TO BEST
PRACTICES

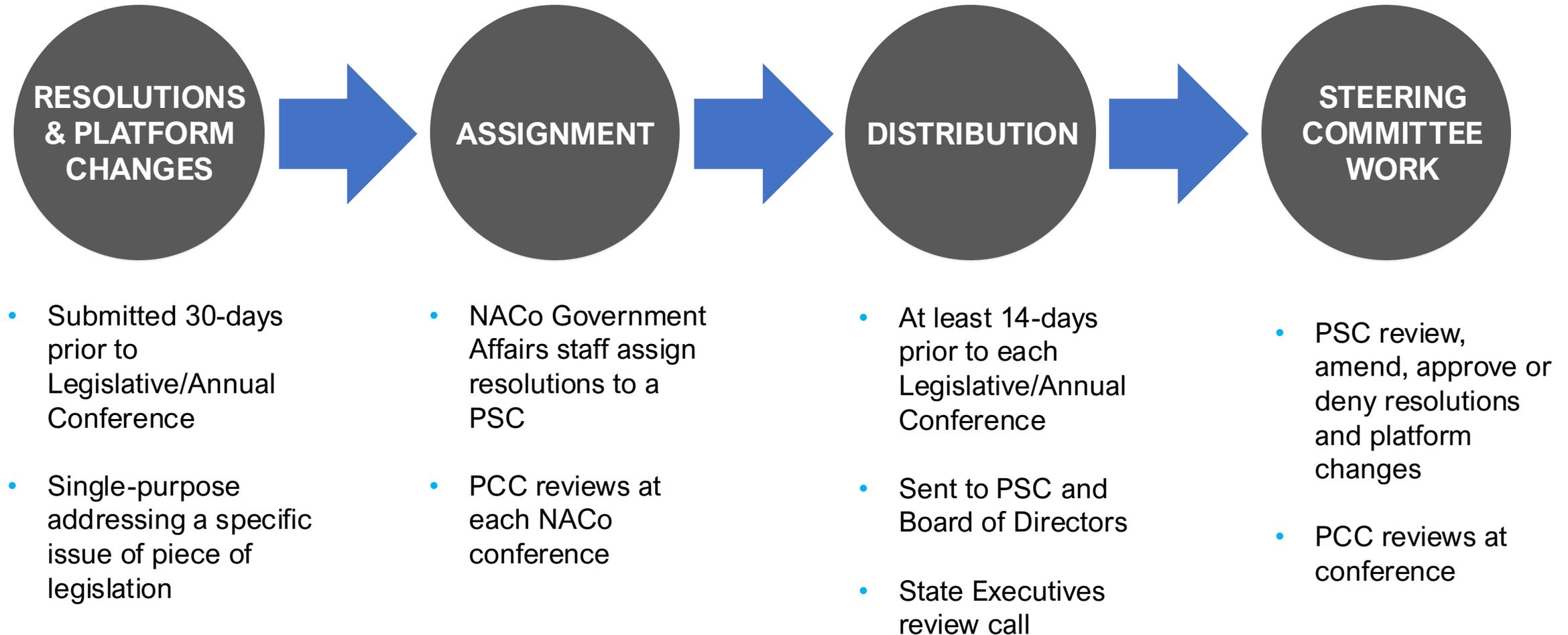
NETWORK WITH LEADERS
FACING SIMILAR ISSUES

AMERICAN COUNTY PLATFORM

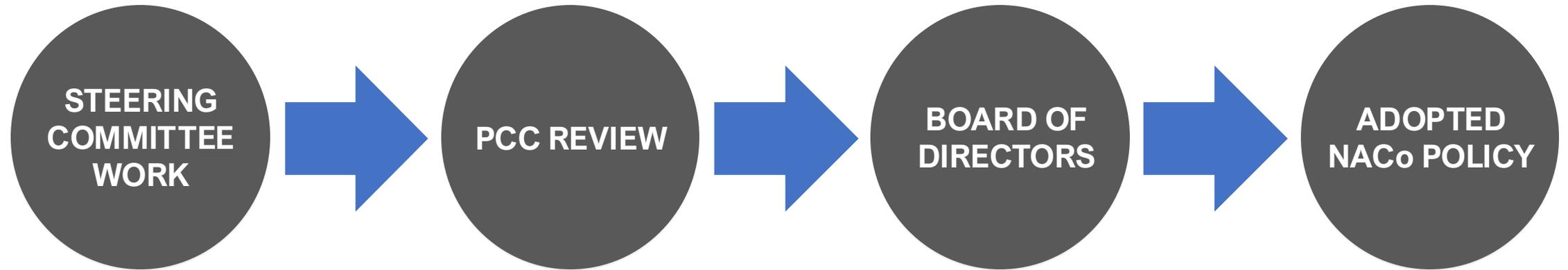
- NACo's permanent policy document
- When necessary, it is amended at the annual meeting (Legislative Conference consists of interim policy resolutions, which are supplemental)
- Divided into substantive policy areas covered by **ten policy steering committees**
- Reflects the philosophy and broad objectives of NACo's membership



ROLE OF POLICY STEERING COMMITTEES & POLICY PROCESS



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- PSC review, amend, approve or deny resolutions and platform changes
- PCC reviews at conference
- Resolutions that fail do not advance

- Steering Committee Chairs report out on committee work
- Finalize resolutions and platform changes before consideration by the Board of Directors

- Steering Committee Chairs report out on committee work
- Board of Directors considers and votes on policy resolutions and platform changes

- Becomes official NACo policy
- Update American County Platform

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