

JOIN A NACo COMMITTEE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE



GET INVOLVED!





NACo COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR EVERY COUNTY

NACo members have the opportunity to serve on 31 committees, caucuses, task forces and advisory boards to inform national policy and help solve problems impacting counties, boroughs and parishes.

Who is eligible to join a NACo committee?

- Any elected, appointed officials and county staff of NACo member counties, boroughs and parishes.

What's in it for county officials and staff?

- Influence national policy and stay informed on issues impacting your county
- Access to best practices
- Network with leaders facing similar issues

What are the differences in committees?

- Policy steering committees: create and drive federal policy and advocacy
- Standing committees, caucuses, task forces and advisory boards: drive programs and projects pursued by NACo for counties

What is the commitment?

- Level of involvement is based on your schedule. Committees hold:
 - ◇ Monthly conference calls
 - ◇ In-person meetings at the NACo Annual and Legislative Conferences*

How long is the term?

- Members serve one-year terms from July to July of the following year. Members must reapply each year. Applications submitted during a committee term can be accepted but will require another application for the next year.

How do I apply?

- NACo committee applications come in two forms:

Policy Steering Committees

- Applications submitted to your state association of counties

Standing Committees, Task Forces, Advisory Boards & Caucuses

- Applications submitted to NACo staff

NACo COMMITTEES FOCUS ON:

- Arts and Culture
- Disaster Mitigation & Recovery
- Economic Development
- Elections
- Finance
- Health Outcomes
- Housing
- Human Service Delivery
- Infrastructure & Transportation
- Justice Reform
- Natural Resources Management
- Public Lands
- Public Safety
- Resiliency
- Rural Affairs
- Veteran Services

Committee application forms can be found in the back of this flyer. If you have any questions about getting involved, please call us at **888.407.NACo (6226)** or email committee@naco.org. Learn more at www.naco.org/getinvolved.

*Attendance to in-person meetings and participation on conference calls are encouraged, but not required.

COMMITTEES, TASK FORCES & ADVISORY BOARDS

These committees support NACo's ability to foster innovative programs and services focused on building stronger counties that result in a stronger America. Committee members work together to ensure NACo's initiatives align with the needs of county, parish and borough governments.

HOW TO JOIN?

- County officials and staff applying as a member to these committees must submit the **orange application** located in the back to NACo at committee@naco.org. Applications submitted during a committee term will be accepted, but applicants will need to reapply for the following year leading up to July.
- Members wishing to serve as the chair or vice chair of a committee must apply prior to the NACo Annual conference each year at www.naco.org/presidential_appointments.
- Members are notified when committee applications open via email and articles in County News in early spring.

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

Demonstrates how the arts can be used by county officials to promote economic development and provide solutions to many of the challenges they face

RESILIENT COUNTIES ADVISORY BOARD

Advises NACo on the development and implementation of the organization's resiliency programs to ensure resiliency programming innovative and meets the greatest needs of counties

HEALTHY COUNTIES ADVISORY BOARD

Assists NACo in identifying the priorities and activities of the Healthy Counties Initiative and provides input and expertise on program execution

VETERANS AND MILITARY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Engages NACo and its members to develop and highlight best practices for innovative programs, services and benefits for our nation's military, veterans and their families

MEMBERSHIP STANDING COMMITTEE

Advises and supports the membership team on county member recruitment and retention efforts, while serving as the "voice" of NACo in their respective states

IT STANDING COMMITTEE

Advises NACo on information technology issues and provides oversight on information technology projects

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Advises the NACo officers and the board of directors regarding the development and evaluation of NACo programs and services for county governments

LARGE URBAN COUNTY CAUCUS (LUCC)

A coalition of elected county officials from counties with more than 500,000 population, working to identify urban challenges and develop solutions and programs that improve their communities

RURAL ACTION CAUCUS (RAC)

County elected officials from rural areas focus on solving critical issues impacting rural life and development, including infrastructure, broadband, rural health, business development opportunities and more

IMMIGRATION REFORM TASK FORCE

Provides a forum for county officials to discuss immigration issues and impacts. Advises NACo and engages with federal agencies and coalition partners to work toward solutions

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

Facilitates the exchange of information, ideas and resources and guides NACo programming, concerning county-level engagement in international economic development activities

NEXT GENERATION NETWORK

Provides networking, educational and professional development opportunities for the next generation of county leaders

For a full list of committees, visit www.naco.org/getinvolved.

POLICY STEERING COMMITTEES

The steering committees review and make recommendations on federal policy issues and legislation that supports local decision-making, prevents unfunded mandates and provides direct federal investments in county priorities. NACo's federal policy process is listed on the next page.

HOW TO JOIN?

- County officials and staff wishing to join steering committees must submit the **blue application** located in the back to their **state association of counties** for approval by the executive director.
- Members can only serve on one steering committee per year. Applicants should indicate their first and second choices.
- No more than two individuals from the same county and eight individuals from the same state can serve on a steering committee.

AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS

Topics include: USDA agriculture, rural development programs, rural renewable energy development, research and extension, food safety and conservation programs

COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Topics include: housing (including affordable housing), community and economic development, public works and workforce development

ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & LAND USE

Topics include: water management, stormwater, air quality standards, hazardous waste handling, national energy policy, pipeline safety, brownfields and coastal management

FINANCE, PENSIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Topics include: financial management, municipal borrowing, county revenues, pensions, the federal budget, federal tax reform, elections and Native American issues

HEALTH

Topics include: public health, health financing, Medicaid, Medicare, long-term care, behavioral health services, substance abuse prevention and treatment

HUMAN SERVICES & EDUCATION

Topics include: foster care, public assistance programs, senior citizen and disability services, immigration policy, social services and education

JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

Topics include: law enforcement, courts, corrections, homeland security, community crime prevention, juvenile justice and emergency management

PUBLIC LANDS

Topics include: federal land management programs, natural resource revenue sharing payments, payments in lieu of taxes and property tax immunity concerns

TELECOMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY

Topics include: broadband, telecommunications and technology policies and the county role as a regulator, service provider and consumer

TRANSPORTATION

Topics include: highway and bridge development and safety, public transit development, airport development, railroads, ports and waterways and freight movement

NACo FEDERAL POLICY PROCESS

Each year NACo members set our federal policy priorities - policy that reflects counties' vast responsibilities and our positions to Congress and the Administration.



There are 10 policy steering committees whose members examine and debate potential policy positions. Serving on a committee gives you a direct role in shaping our agenda.



Policy committees develop resolutions, often with input from the Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC), the Rural Action Caucus (RAC) and other county leaders.



NACo's Board of Directors reviews and acts on resolutions. Approved resolutions are submitted to the membership at the NACo Annual Conference. Adopted resolutions become the American County Platform.



NACo staff and members advance the American County Platform throughout each branch of the federal government.



We need you to be a part of the process.
Talk to your state association about serving on a NACo policy committee today!



WWW.NACo.ORG/ADVOCACY



2019 – 2020 NACo APPOINTMENT APPLICATION FORM

Complete this application if you are a county official or staff interested in becoming a committee member. Applications must be submitted prior to the NACo Annual Conference each year.

Standing committee, task force, advisory board and caucus appointments are made for one year from July to July. Appointments can be made throughout the year but will require an additional application for the following year. Applicants must send this completed committee application form to committee@naco.org.

STANDING COMMITTEES, TASK FORCES, ADVISORY BOARDS & CAUCUSES

☐ LARGE URBAN COUNTY CAUCUS

☐ INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

☐ RURAL ACTION CAUCUS

☐ MEMBERSHIP STANDING COMMITTEE

☐ ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

☐ PROGRAMS AND SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

☐ HEALTHY COUNTIES ADVISORY BOARD

☐ RESILIENT COUNTIES ADVISORY BOARD

☐ IMMIGRATION REFORM TASK FORCE

☐ VETERANS AND MILITARY SERVICES COMMITTEE

☐ INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STANDING COMMITTEE

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☐ Mrs. ☐ Dr.
☐ Mr.

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

SUFFIX

JOB TITLE

COUNTY

ADDRESS

CITY

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PHONE NUMBER

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TWITTER

1. If an elected official, date county term expires:

____ / ____

2. How long have you held this office? ____ YEARS

3. Political Affiliation:

☐ Republican

☐ Democrat

☐ Independent

☐ Other

4. Are you available to attend all committee meetings?

☐ YES ☐ NO

5. Have you ever served on a NACo steering committee?

☐ YES ☐ NO (LIST COMMITTEES HERE)

Return this form to NACo at committee@naco.org. If you have any questions about getting involved, please call us at **888.407.NACo (6226)** or email committee@naco.org.

2019 – 2020 POLICY STEERING COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

This NACo policy steering committee nomination form should be completed and sent to the executive director of your state association of counties. NACo members may only serve on ONE policy steering committee each year, so please indicate your first and second choice. Contact NACo staff for questions at committee@naco.org.

Committee terms last for one year and beginning July after the NACo Annual Conference and end in July the following year. Appointments can be made during a committee term but will require another application for the next term.

- Only eight individuals from any state and two from any one county can serve on a given committee.

NACo POLICY STEERING COMMITTEES

___ AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS

___ HUMAN SERVICES & EDUCATION

___ COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

___ JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

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4. Are you reasonably free to travel?

☐ YES

☐ NO

5. Have you ever served on a NACo steering committee? ☐ YES ☐ NO

TO BE SIGNED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF YOUR STATE

The State Association President and NACo Board Members from the state concur with this nomination.

SIGNATURE

DATE

NACo's VISION

Healthy, safe and vibrant counties across America.



NACo's MISSION

Strengthen America's Counties.

Through NACo, county officials:

- Advocate county government priorities in federal policymaking
- Promote exemplary county policies and practices
- Nurture leadership skills and expand knowledge networks
- Optimize county and taxpayer resources and cost savings, and
- Enrich the public's understanding of county government

STRONGER COUNTIES.
STRONGER AMERICA.



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