JOIN A NACo COMMITTEE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO JOIN A NACO COMMITTEE?**
- Any elected or appointed officials and county staff of NACo member counties, boroughs and parishes.

**WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS AND STAFF?**
- Inform national policy and stay up-to-date 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 facilitated by NACo staff
  - 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

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 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 to promote economic development and provide solutions to many of the challenges counties face

RESILIENT COUNTIES ADVISORY BOARD
Advises NACo on the development and implementation of programming that strengthens counties’ ability to mitigate trying conditions, including social and economic stresses, sustainability challenges and disaster management

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 NACo’s membership recruitment and retention efforts while championing county engagement in NACo

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 large urban counties, working to identify urban challenges and develop solutions and programs that improve our 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 engage with federal agencies and coalition partners to work toward solutions

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE
Facilitates the exchange of information and resources while guiding NACo’s programming related to 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.

HOW TO JOIN?

- County officials and staff wishing to join steering committees must submit the blue application 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 the same 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, the census and elections

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

For a full list of committees, visit www.naco.org/steeringcommittees.
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 to 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
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
- RURAL ACTION CAUCUS
- ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
- HEALTHY COUNTIES ADVISORY BOARD
- IMMIGRATION REFORM TASK FORCE
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STANDING COMMITTEE
- INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE
- MEMBERSHIP STANDING COMMITTEE
- PROGRAMS AND SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE
- RESILIENT COUNTIES ADVISORY BOARD
- VETERANS AND MILITARY SERVICES COMMITTEE

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.
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
[ ] Environment, Energy & Land Use [ ] Public Lands
[ ] Finance, Pensions and Intergovernmental Affairs [ ] Technology & Telecommunication
[ ] Health [ ] Transportation

[ ] Ms. [ ] Hon. FIRST NAME [ ] Last Name [ ] Suffix
[ ] Mrs. [ ] Dr. [ ] Mr.

JOB TITLE

_______________________________________________________

COUNTY

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ADDRESS

_______________________________________________________

CITY [ ] STATE [ ] ZIP

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PHONE NUMBER

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MOBILE NUMBER

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EMAIL

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FACEBOOK

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TWITTER

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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 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 for 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.

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