



JOIN A NACo COMMITTEE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

GET INVOLVED!



NACo is you ... You are an owner and shareholder in the National Association of Counties.



COMMITTEES AND CAUCUSES

The two big questions are:

- What committee do you want to join?
- How do you become a member of a committee?

Policy steering committee members are appointed by state associations and serve one-year terms. The Audit Committee is elected by the Board of Directors. Members of all other committees are appointed by the NACo president and serve one-year terms.

Policy steering committees annually review and make recommendations on federal policy issues and legislation. They start the policy development process leading to the development of the American County Platform, which guides the county government message presented to the Administration, Congress, U.S. Courts and the American public.

Standing committees, such as the Membership Committee, Programs and Services Committee, Finance Committee and the Information Technology Committee, make recommendations on programs and projects for NACo to pursue that will help counties.

Other caucuses, task forces & ad hoc committees include:

- Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC)
- Rural Action Caucus (RAC)
- Arts and Culture Commission
- Cybersecurity Task Force
- Healthy Counties Advisory Board
- Immigration Reform Task Force
- International Economic Development Task Force
- Next Generation NACo
- Resilient Counties Advisory Board, and
- Veterans and Military Services Committee

To join standing committees, ad hoc committees, caucuses or other committees, please fill out the online application form at:
www.naco.org/presidential_appointments.

To apply to serve as a chair or vice chair of a NACo policy steering committee or subcommittee, please fill out the online application at:
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Do you have knowledge or expertise on key county issues? Do you want to become involved in the development of national policy issues affecting counties and your residents? Do you want to make your association stronger and more effective as a voice for counties?

Remember: NACo is you – you are an owner and shareholder in the National Association of Counties. Our association exists because of you and is made up of local leaders like you from across the United States. More than 1,300 county officials currently serve on NACo committees. That is why it is essential for you to become involved on a NACo committee.





If you want to serve as a member of a NACo policy steering committee, contact your state association of counties.

**To serve as a chair or vice chair of a NACo policy steering committee, fill out the Presidential Appointment leadership application form on the NACo website:
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There are 10 NACo policy steering committees that cover the full range of county policy issues.

POLICY STEERING COMMITTEE NOMINATION PROCESS IS SIMPLE.

Here are the important points to remember for participating on a policy steering committee:

- Fill out and submit a nomination form to serve on a NACo policy steering committee to your state association of counties.
- The policy steering committee nomination forms are on the NACo website (www.naco.org/nomination).
- Mark on the nomination form your first and second choice for which policy steering committee you would like to serve.
- Members of NACo affiliate organizations who want to serve on policy steering committees should follow the same process.
- Submit the form to your state association one month before the NACo Annual Conference, which usually occurs in July.
- NACo works to accommodate a nominee's first choice of policy steering committee assignments. Officials cannot transfer membership to another committee during their year of service, or serve on more than one policy steering committee during the year.



APPOINTMENTS BY STATE ASSOCIATIONS

Membership of 10 Policy Steering Committees:

- Agriculture and Rural Affairs
- Community, Economic & Workforce Development
- Environment, Energy & Land Use
- Finance, Pensions & Intergovernmental Affairs
- Health
- Human Services & Education
- Justice & Public Safety
- Public Lands
- Telecommunications & Technology
- Transportation

To join, fill out the nomination form online at www.naco.org/nomination and submit to your state association

APPOINTMENTS BY NACo PRESIDENT

- Chair and Vice Chairs of 10 Policy Steering Committees and Subcommittees
- **Large Urban County Caucus** Chair, Vice Chairs and members
- **Rural Action Caucus** Chair, Vice Chairs and members
- **Arts and Culture Commission** Chair, Vice Chairs and members
- **CyberSecurity Task Force** Chair, Vice Chairs and members
- **Defined Contribution and Retirement Advisory Committee** Chair, Vice Chair and members
- **Healthy Counties Advisory Board** Chair, Vice Chairs and members
- **Immigration Reform Task Force** Chair, Vice Chairs and members
- **Information Technology Standing Committee** Chair, Vice Chairs and members
- **International Economic Development Task Force** Chair, Vice Chairs and members
- **Membership Standing Committee** Chair, Vice Chairs and members
- **NACo Finance Standing Committee** members
- **NACo Financial Services Center Advisory Committee** Chair, Vice Chair and members
- **Programs and Services Standing Committee** Chair, Vice Chairs and members
- **Resilient Counties Advisory Board** Chair, Vice Chairs and members
- **Veterans and Military Services Committee** Chair, Vice Chairs and members

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POLICY STEERING COMMITTEES

COVER ISSUES IMPORTANT TO COUNTIES

AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS

Responsible for all matters pertaining to USDA agriculture, rural development programs, rural renewable energy development, research and extension, food safety, and conservation programs.

COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Responsible for all matters pertaining to housing, community and economic development, public works, and workforce development including the creation of affordable housing and housing options for different populations, residential, commercial, and industrial development, and building and housing codes.

ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & LAND USE

Responsible for all matters pertaining to air, water, energy, and land use, including water resources/management, stormwater, pesticides, air quality standards, solid, hazardous, and nuclear waste handling, transport, and disposal, national energy policy, renewable/alternative energy, alternative fuel vehicles, energy facility siting, electricity utility restructuring, pipeline safety, oil spills, superfund/brownfields, eminent domain, land use, coastal management, oceans, parks and recreation.

FINANCE, PENSIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Responsible for all matters pertaining to the financial resources of counties, fiscal management, federal assistance, municipal borrowing, county revenues, pensions, the federal budget, federal tax reform, elections and Native American issues.

HEALTH

Responsible for all matters pertaining to public health and healthy communities, including disease and injury prevention, health disparities reduction, health financing, health insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, long-term care, behavioral health services, substance abuse prevention and treatment.

HUMAN SERVICES & EDUCATION

Responsible for all matters pertaining to children's issues, foster care, public assistance and income support, services to senior citizens and individuals with disabilities, immigration policy, social services, and elementary, secondary and post-secondary education.

JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

Responsible for all matters pertaining to criminal justice and public safety systems, including law enforcement, courts, corrections, homeland security, community crime prevention, juvenile justice and delinquency prevention, emergency management, fire prevention and control, and civil disturbances.

PUBLIC LANDS

Responsible for all matters pertaining to federally-owned public lands including federal land management programs, natural resource revenue sharing payments, payments in lieu of taxes, and property tax immunity concerns.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY

Responsible for all matters pertaining to telecommunications and technology policy, including the county role as a telecommunications regulator, service provider, and consumer.

TRANSPORTATION

Responsible for all matters pertaining to federal transportation legislation, funding and regulation and its impacts on county government. This includes highway and bridge development, finance and safety, public transit development and finance, transportation planning, airport development and service, passenger and freight railroads, ports and waterways, freight movement, and research and development of new modes of transportation.





CAUCUSES ADDRESS KEY COUNTY ISSUES

LARGE URBAN COUNTY CAUCUS

LUCC is a bipartisan coalition of elected county executives and board members from counties with more than 500,000 population. LUCC members work together to identify urban challenges, provide input in developing pragmatic national solutions, and implement grassroots programs that improve their communities.

RURAL ACTION CAUCUS

RAC is the voice for America's rural counties before Congress and the Administration. County elected officials from rural areas are dedicated to solving many critical issues impacting rural life and development, including infrastructure development, broadband deployment, development of new rural clinics and hospitals, road and bridge construction and maintenance, business development opportunities, and many more county responsibilities.

WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION (WIR)

WIR is affiliated with NACo and is dedicated to the promotion of Western interests within NACo. WIR Board members are nominated by their state association of counties from only western states.

COMMITTEES, TASK FORCES & ADVISORY BOARDS

COVER ISSUES IMPORTANT TO COUNTIES

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

The 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 that they face, through workshop sessions, field trips and special publications.

CYBERSECURITY TASK FORCE

The mission of the Cybersecurity Task Force is to promote cybersecurity awareness and education to better protect county government networks and residents; to disseminate information regarding services and programming from federal partners directly to county government policy makers and IT professionals; and to advocate for cybersecurity educational opportunities and training during NACo conferences.

RESILIENT COUNTIES ADVISORY BOARD

The Resilient Counties initiative is governed by the Resilient Counties Advisory Board, which advises NACo on the development and implementation of the organization's resiliency and sustainability programs. The Advisory Board is made up of leaders from both county government and private organizations, and provides input to ensure that NACo's resiliency programming is timely, innovative and meets the greatest needs of the nation's 3,069 counties.

HEALTHY COUNTIES ADVISORY BOARD

NACo's Healthy Counties is guided by the Healthy Counties Advisory Board, which is comprised of county officials and staff who are health leaders at NACo and corporate partners. The public/private Healthy Counties Advisory Board assists NACo in identifying the priorities and activities of the Healthy Counties Initiative and provides input and expertise on program implementation.

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

This 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 NACO NETWORK

The Next Generation NACo Network provides a grassroots forum for young county officials to network, become engaged in NACo and develop a new generation of association leaders. The network identifies and serves the unique educational and professional development needs of young officials, and draws on the talent, ideas and expertise of young officials to influence NACo's strategic plan and programs and services for the future.

VETERANS AND MILITARY SERVICES COMMITTEE

This committee engages NACo and its members to develop and highlight county best practices and policies to promote innovative programs, services and benefits for our nation's military, veterans and their families.

IMMIGRATION REFORM TASK FORCE

NACo's Immigration Reform Task Force provides a forum for county officials from across the nation to discuss immigration and its impact on local governments. Although the Task Force does not vote on, or set, policy, it advises NACo's policy steering committees on immigration matters and engages on these matters with federal agencies and coalition partners.

NACo's VISION

Achieve healthy, vibrant and safe counties across America



NACo's MISSION

The National Association of Counties (NACo) unites America's 3,069 county governments.

Through NACo, county officials:

- Advocate with a collective voice on national policy
- Exchange ideas and build new skills
- Innovate transformational county solutions
- Enhance the public's understanding of county government, and
- Exercise exemplary leadership in public service



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