JOIN A NACo COMMITTEE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

GET INVOLVED!
The two big questions are:

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

NACo has 10 policy steering committees and 21 other committees covering a wide range of county issues. Policy steering committee members are nominated by state associations and serve one-year terms. Members of all other committees are appointed by the NACo president and serve one-year terms.

Policy steering committees review and make recommendations on federal policy issues and legislation like transportation, infrastructure, healthcare, public safety and public lands management. 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 and ad hoc committees include:

• Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC)
• Rural Action Caucus (RAC)
• Arts and Culture Commission
• 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: www.naco.org/presidential_appointments.

If you have any questions, please call us at 888.407.NACo (6226) or email committee@naco.org.
APPOINTMENTS BY NACo PRESIDENT

• Chairs 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
• 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

To apply for a Presidential Appointment, fill out the application online at www.naco.org/presidential_appointments

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.
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.

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.

COMMITTEES, TASK FORCES & ADVISORY BOARDS

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.
POLICY STEERING COMMITTEES

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.

Policy steering committee nomination process is simple:

- Fill out and submit a nomination form to serve on a NACo policy steering committee to your state association of counties.
- Mark on the nomination form your first and second choice for which policy steering committee you would like to serve. NACo will work to accommodate a nominee's first choice.
- Members of NACo affiliate organizations who want to serve on policy steering committees should follow the same process.
- Officials cannot transfer membership to another committee during their year of service, or serve on more than one policy steering committee during the year.
This committee member application form should be completed and sent to committee@naco.org. Appointments are made by the NACo President each June and are announced during the NACo Annual Conference in July each year. These committee appointments are only for one year (July to July). For appointments to leadership positions (Chair, Vice Chair, Subcommittee Chair or Subcommittee Vice Chair), or to committees not listed on this form, please visit www.naco.org/presidential_appointments.

To serve on a Steering Committee, please fill out and return the Steering Committee Nomination Form to your state association executive director.

**NACo CAUCUSES, AD HOC, TASK FORCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

- __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__

- Ms.
- Mrs.
- Mr.

**FIRST NAME**  **LAST NAME**  **SUFFIX**

**JOB TITLE**

**COUNTY**

**ADDRESS**

**CITY**  **STATE**  **ZIP**

**PHONE NUMBER**  **MOBILE NUMBER**

**EMAIL**  **FACEBOOK**  **TWITTER**

1. If an elected official, date county term expires:  /  
2. How long have you held this office?  ____ YEARS
3. Political Affiliation:  ○ Non Partisan  ○ 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)
This NACo policy steering committee nomination form should be completed and sent to the executive director of your state association of counties. **Appointments are made after the NACo Annual Conference in July each year.** You may serve on only ONE policy steering committee and must be from a NACo member county. **Only eight individuals from any state (including up to two from any one county) can serve on a particular committee.** (Please indicate your first choice with #1 and second with #2.) **NACo will notify you of your appointment in September.** For appointments to other committees and caucuses, fill out the presidential appointment application form that can be found at: www.naco.org/presidential_appointments.

### FILL OUT THE ONLINE NOMINATION FORM AT WWW.NACo.ORG/GETINVOLVED

#### POLICY STEERING COMMITTEES

- [ ] Agriculture & Rural Affairs
- [ ] Community, Economic & Workforce Development
- [ ] Environment, Energy & Land Use
- [ ] Finance, Pensions & Intergovernmental Affairs
- [ ] Health
- [ ] Human Services & Education
- [ ] Justice & Public Safety
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**Ms.** FIRST NAME

**Mrs.** LAST NAME

**Mr.** SUFFIX

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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: [ ] Non Partisan [ ] 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

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**TO BE COMPLETED BY STATE ASSOCIATION**

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

**SIGNATURE** _______________________________ **DATE** _______________________________
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 leadership skills
• Pursue transformational, cost-effective solutions
• Enrich the public’s understanding of county government, and
• Exercise exemplary leadership in public service

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