



# **WELCOME TO OUR HOME!**

On behalf of NACo's Gulf States Counties and Parishes Caucus, I would like to thank you for joining us in beautiful Nueces County, Texas for the 2022 Gulf States Caucus Counties and Parishes Caucus Convening, with NACo's Resilient Counties Advisory Board.

I have the incredible honor to serve as the County Judge of Nueces County: the place I was born and raised, the place I call the crown jewel of Texas. From our beaches to the bay, from coast to the city to country, Nueces County offers something for everyone. And while our county is blessed with natural beauty and resources, it is our people that make Nueces County a place people come back to again and again.

I look forward to a robust discussion of ideas and policies that will help ensure that the Gulf Coast remains both economically robust and environmentally healthy for generations. I hope the connections forged hear last well into the future so we can build a bright future together as friends bound by a common love of our precious Gulf Coast.

If this is your first visit, you will soon discover why so many return again and again, and many decide to make their home here after visiting. Our coast is beautiful and bountiful, and you will soon experience the community spirit that unites our diverse community – a place where neighbors quickly become friends and friends are like family.

## AGAIN, WELCOME! OR AS WE SAY IN MY FAMILY - BIENVENIDO!

**BARBARA CANALES** 

Nueces County Judge



# THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

5:15 P.M. - 5:45 P.M.

### **REGISTRATION OPENS**

Residence Inn Downtown, Lobby

6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

### **WELCOME RECEPTION**

Water Street Oyster Bar

One bus will depart from the Resident Inn lobby at 5:45pm, and return guests back around 8:15pm. Restaurant is an approximately 15 minute walk from the hotel for those that choose to do so.

# FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

## 7:30 A.M. - 8:00 A.M.

### **REGISTRATION OPENS**

Residence Inn Downtown, Lobby

One bus will depart from the Residence Inn Downtown lobby at 8:00 am to the Texas A&M Corpus Christi Campus. Breakfast on your own.

## 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Hart Center, Texas A&M Corpus Christi Campus



#### **Kaitlin Hammons**

Senior VP, Consumers Energy Alliance, Energy Policy, GOMESA & RISEE Act



#### **Tim Richardson**

Consultant, Deepwater Horizon Funding Status Review Roundtable



#### **Robert Mitchell**

VP Gulf Coast Protection District on Nation's Largest Infrastructure Project



#### **Dr. Lauren Alexander Augustine**

Executive Director, Gulf Research Program, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine



#### **Brett Mattson**

GSCPC NACo Liaison, Inflation Reduction Act and Year End Review

## 12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.

### **NETWORKING LUNCH**

Hart Center, Texas A&M Corpus Christi Campus

## 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Hart Center, Texas A&M Corpus Christi Campus



**Dr. Larry McKinney** 

Palacios Marine Agriculture Research, Texas Coastal Oyster Recovery



**Judge Barbara Canales** 

Nueces County, Texas



**Judge Rudy Madrid** 

Kleberg County, Texas



#### Jeff Pollack

Chief Strategy & Sustainability Officer, Port of Corpus Christi, Energy Transition, Carbon Capture



#### **Dr. Kiersten Stanzel**

Executive Director, Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program, Bringing Back Baffin Bay

## 4:00 P.M.

### **ADJOURN**

One bus will depart from the Texas A&M Hart Center and return attendees back to the Residence Inn.

## 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

### **RECEPTION/DINNER**

Texas State Aquarium, Citgo Room

One bus will depart from the Residence Inn lobby at 6:30pm. Bus will bring attendees back to the Residence Inn after the reception.

# SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

## 8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.

### BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN

## 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

### **MOBILE TOUR**

Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve & Learning Center

Bus will depart from the Residence Inn at 9:00am. Attendees will then be brought to the Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve & Learning Center and return at approximately noon.

## 12:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

### **CHOOSE YOUR OWN EXCURSION**

There will be no formal programming during this time. Attendees are encouraged to explore the area and enjoy local attractions.

## 6:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

### **CLOSING RECEPTION**

Grumbles Seafood Co.

One bus will depart from the Residence Inn lobby at 5:30pm. Bus will bring attendees back to the Residence Inn after the reception.

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