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 here 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
The 2022 NACo Gulf States Counties and Parishes Caucus Convening, in conjunction with NACo’s Resilient Counties Advisory Board, will provide county leaders with the opportunity to collaborate on possible solutions to key issues facing local governments around disaster resiliency, energy production and more.

**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.
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.
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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