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SYMPOSIUM



SEPTEMBER 30—OCTOBER 2, 2015

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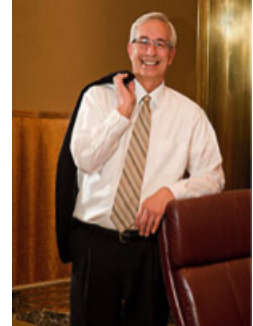
WELCOME

Dear LUCC Members and Guests,

Welcome to the 2015 LUCC Safe and Secure Counties Innovation Symposium!

This year's annual LUCC symposium supports the NACo presidential initiative, **Safe and Secure Counties**, from the perspective of the nation's largest counties.

Recognizing that strong economies are the building blocks of safe and secure counties, we have planned dynamic sessions that will delve into the shifting geographies of poverty and inequality to better understand the barriers to our counties' economic vitality. We will also work together to unpack smart new solutions being pioneered by LUCC counties that are creating opportunity for our children, families and communities. Additionally, the optional pre- and post-symposium workshops will lead participants on deeper dives into policies and practices which can profoundly affect the safety and security of our counties.



The symposium is made possible by the contributions of our generous sponsors who continue to support our efforts, partnering with us to introduce scalable solutions that improve outcomes in America's counties. Their support is an integral part of what we do at NACo and we are happy that so many of them will be joining us over the next three days.

Finally, we owe an immense debt of gratitude to King County and the Washington State Association of Counties. Their hard work and tremendous hospitality will be evident throughout the symposium. I know that you will join me in expressing our heartfelt thanks.

Our hope for this symposium is that you will each be challenged by our dynamic speakers and presenters, actively engage in our peer-to-peer discussions, soak up all that Seattle and King County have to offer and head back to your home county refreshed, energized and inspired to lead – and to serve.

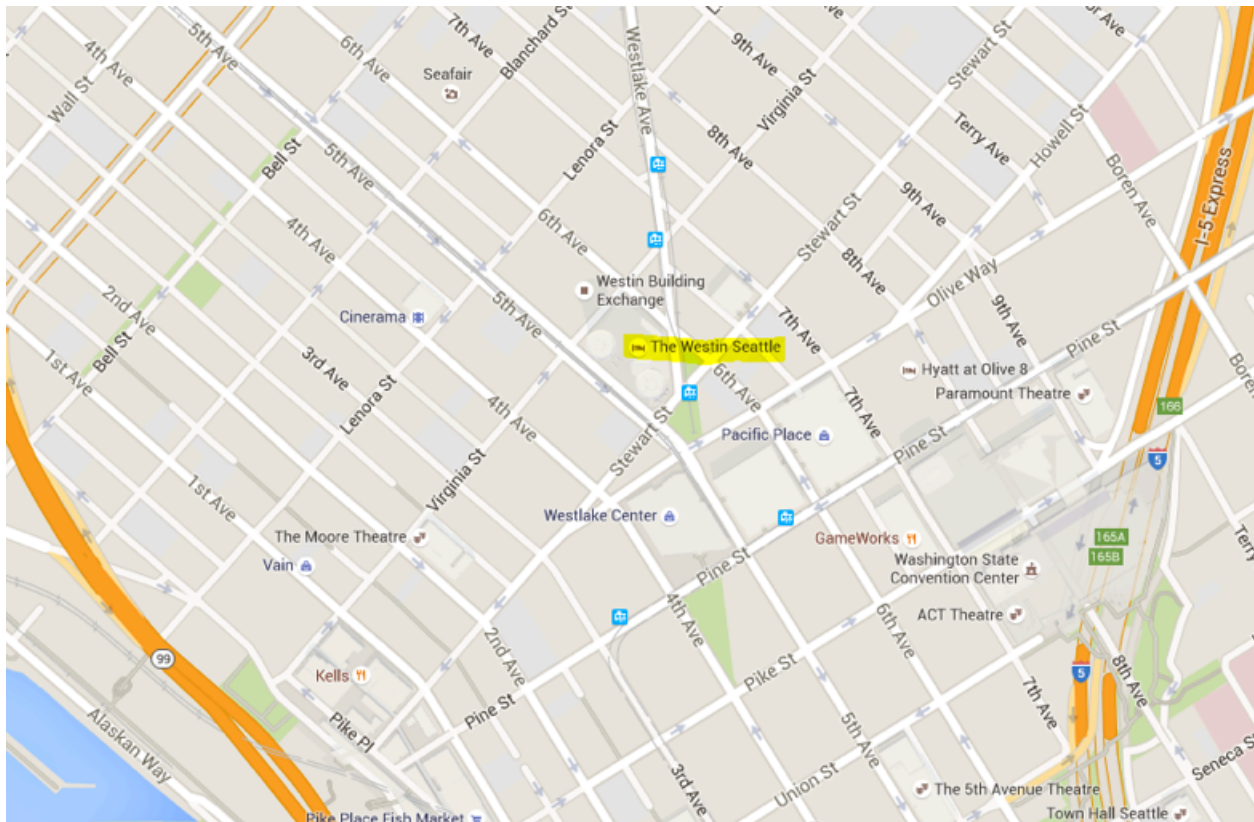
Sincerely,

Jim McDonough

Chair, Large Urban County Caucus

EVENT LOCATION

The Westin Seattle Hotel
1900 5th Ave, Seattle, Wash. 98101
(206) 728-1000



LOCAL AREA

Unless otherwise noted, all LUCC Symposium events will be held at the Westin Seattle Hotel. The Westin Seattle is conveniently situated in the heart of the city, just a short walk to the Washington State Convention and Trade Center and popular attractions—including Pike Place Market, the Seattle Aquarium, and fantastic shopping like Nordstrom's flagship store.

ATTIRE

The attire for the 2015 Large Urban County Caucus Symposium is business. Please bring comfortable shoes for the mobile workshops.

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th

7:30 am – 6:00 pm

REGISTRATION

Pine Foyer-Westlake Level

8:30 am – 2:30 pm

OPTIONAL PRE-SYMPOSIUM WORKSHOP

Pike Room-Westlake Level

HEALTHCARE ENROLLMENT AND JAILS: FROM COVERAGE TO CARE

This six-hour educational forum will bring together leaders from large counties across the country to learn about the benefits of enrolling justice-involved individuals into health coverage and connecting these individuals to community-based care upon release, and to discuss ways in which their jurisdictions can take part in this important work. Participants will hear from peer counties that have begun enrolling these individuals, ask and answer questions about issues surrounding the enrollment and care connection process, and develop action steps to explore health coverage for justice-involved individuals in their own counties.

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

LUCC STEERING COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING

Pine Room-Westlake Level

The agenda for this business meeting will include discussion of the 2016 and 2017 symposium locations, an action plan to increase member participation and a roundtable discussion of the most critical current issues confronting each member's county. These discussions will inform LUCC policy priority setting as well as guide program design for future meetings for the coming year.



Chair: The Honorable Jim McDonough, Commissioner, Ramsey County, Minn.

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5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

KEYNOTE: THE INTERNET OF THINGS AND THE RISE OF THE MACHINE

Pine Room-Westlake Level

Change is coming. The web is being consumed by apps. Search is becoming a victim of its own success. The Internet of things is upon us and in the distance quantum computing is clouding the horizon. These changes will mean a shift of wealth. New winners, new losers. New monetization methods. New uses of data and machine intelligence. Where will it take us? Where will this all end? Join Microsoft Distinguished Engineer James Whittaker for a presentation that begins 20 years in the past and ends 20 years in the future with insight into how society will work, if machines will take over and what's left for humanity if they do.



Introduction: The Honorable Jim McDonough, Commissioner, Ramsey County, Minn.

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Keynote Remarks: James Whittaker, Microsoft Distinguished Engineer

[@docjamesw](#)

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

WELCOME RECEPTION AND DINNER

Elliott Bay Room - Lobby Level



Master of Ceremonies: The Honorable Jim McDonough, Commissioner, Ramsey County, Minn.

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Welcome: The Honorable Jane Hague, Councilmember, King County

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Welcome: The Honorable Sallie Clark Commissioner, El Paso County, Colo.

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You know the buzz words – promoting change, taking action and offering solutions that might help make a difference in the future of state and local governments. But how can we be effective change agents for tomorrow if we don't start by asking the right questions today?

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1st

8:00 am – 1:30 pm

REGISTRATION

Pine Foyer-Westlake Level

8:30 am – 9:30 am

NETWORKING BREAKFAST AVAILABLE

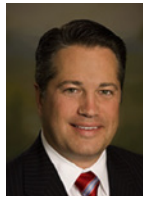
Pine Foyer-Westlake Level

9:00 am – 9:30 am

BREAKFAST BRIEFING: LOCALSCAPE

Pine Room-Westlake Level

The King County Assessor's LocalScape, a 2015 NACo Achievement Award winning application, integrates Assessor property information with Census and education data. Learn how LocalScape can be used by local officials – and the public – to inform policy decisions.



Introduction: The Honorable Chip LaMarca, Commissioner, Broward County, Fla.

[@ChipLaMarca](#) / [@browardinfo](#)



Presenter: The Honorable Lloyd Hara, Assessor, King County, Wash.

[@kcasessor](#)

9:30 am – 10:30 am

THE CHANGING GEOGRAPHY OF POVERTY

Pine Room-Westlake Level

After decades in which suburbs added poor residents at a faster pace than cities, the 2000's marked a tipping point. Suburbia is now home to the largest and fastest-growing poor population in the country and more than half of the metropolitan poor. However, the antipoverty infrastructure built over the past several decades does not fit this rapidly changing geography. Alan Berube, author of *Confronting Suburban Poverty in America*, describes the new reality and makes the case for new solutions for America's large urban counties to implement.



Introduction: The Honorable John O'Grady, Commissioner, Franklin County, Ohio

[@FranklinCoOhio](#)



Presenter: Alan Berube, Senior Fellow and Deputy Director, Metropolitan Policy Program, the Brookings Institution

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10:30 am – 10:45 am**NETWORKING BREAK****10:45 am – 12:15 pm****INNOVATING LOCALLY TO CONFRONT POVERTY***Pine Room-Westlake Level*

To keep pace with the rapidly changing geography of poverty, local leaders throughout the country are finding ways to combat poverty both within and around the constraints of the existing antipoverty infrastructure. Panelists will provide examples of innovative responses to the new realities of poverty at the local level, leading to a discussion of strategies that county leaders can adopt to improve outcomes throughout their communities.



Introduction: The Honorable Denise Winfrey, Board Member, Will County, Ill.

[@WillCountyBoard](#)



Moderator: Alan Berube, Senior Fellow and Deputy Director, Metropolitan Policy Program, the Brookings Institution

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Panelist: Michael Brown, Vice President for Community Leadership, Seattle Foundation

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Panelist: The Honorable Dave Upthegrove, Councilmember, King County, Wash.

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12:15 pm – 1:15 pm**NETWORKING LUNCH***Pike Room-Westlake Level*

1:30 pm – 5:30 pm

MOBILE WORKSHOPS

All buses depart from the 6th Avenue side of the Westin Seattle Hotel

PRESERVING THE LIVING LEGACY: URBAN AGRICULTURE IN KING COUNTY

Meet at 6th Avenue entrance on the Westlake Level for departure at 1:30 p.m. sharp.

In addition to being the home to nearly two million residents and a dynamic international business hub, King County is also home to 1,800 farms with 50,000 acres in agricultural production. In fact, over the past 35 years, the county's ground breaking Farmland Preservation Program has protected 13,200 acres.

This mobile workshop will give you the opportunity to explore two Agriculture Production Districts, the Snoqualmie and Sammamish Valleys. There you will learn firsthand from growers and gain an understanding of urban farm to market programs. You will also examine how county policy choices can help develop and protect the viability of agriculture – despite significant urban growth pressures, climate change and other challenges.

Please Note: This mobile workshop will conclude at the Chateau Ste. Michelle, in time for the networking reception and dinner.

INNOVATIONS IN MENTAL ILLNESS AND CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROGRAMS

Meet in Pine Room at 1:30 p.m. for pre-tour briefing. Buses will depart for site visits following the briefing.

This tour will focus on how King County is working to prevent and reduce chronic homelessness, unnecessary involvement in the criminal justice and emergency medical systems, while promoting recovery for persons with disabling mental illness and chemical dependency.

The workshop will start with briefings on the county's mental illness and drug dependency plan as well as its "Frequent Faces" program. Then you'll head out for site visits to the county's downtown Seattle Crisis Solutions Center, Sobering Center, Recovery Care and 1811 Eastlake – Harm Reduction Housing.

URBAN WATERFRONT TRANSPORTATION: KING COUNTY METRO'S WATER TAXI PROGRAM

Meet at 6th Avenue entrance on the Westlake Level for departure at 1:30 p.m. sharp.

Come and learn what residents and commuters of the area have done for time immemorial, and European settlers since 1888, yes 1888: Crossed Elliot Bay and Puget Sound to get to work! Learn how and why nearly a century after the first Puget Sound Mosquito Fleet cruised area waters, the King County Council formed a new county-wide Ferry District to expand transportation options for county residents. King County Metro now operates a fleet of vessels to shuttle commuters between Vashon Island and West Seattle to downtown Seattle every day. Explore how county leadership and investment in smart, intermodal transit – especially over a challenging geography – can improve quality of life for all.

This field trip will include a round trip ride on a King County Water Taxi across the beautiful waters of Elliot Bay with spectacular views of the Seattle skyline, Olympic Mountains, a working urban waterfront and waterway, and maybe even an Orca – ok that is a stretch, but ya never know!

MARIJUANA PRODUCE/PROCESSOR AND RETAILER OPERATIONS: COUNTY IMPACTS OF LEGALIZATION

Meet at 6th Avenue entrance on the Westlake Level for departure at 1:30 p.m. sharp.

Join the Washington State Association of Counties for a mobile workshop which will explore the implications for counties under the state's new marijuana legalization. The site visit will allow participants to explore what a marijuana producer/processor business is all about. Attendees will be able to walk through the facility, view the grow operations, and ask the owner questions. You will be able to see how a grow operation functions, get a sense of the business and insight into the marijuana industry, ask questions about the business process, share your county practices and learn what lessons Washington counties have learned in the process.

Please Note: All participants must bring valid picture identification and wear long pants.

6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

NETWORKING RECEPTION AND DINNER HOSTED BY KING COUNTY AND THE WASHINGTON STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

Meet at 6th Avenue entrance on the Westlake Level at 5:15 p.m. to board buses for the reception at Chateau Ste. Michelle.

Chateau Ste. Michelle
14111 NE 145th Street
Woodinville, Wash. 98072

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2nd

8:00 am – 1:30 pm

REGISTRATION

Pine Foyer-Westlake Level

8:30 am – 9:00 am

BREAKFAST BRIEFING: FROM CHILDHOOD POVERTY TO INCOME OPPORTUNITIES

Pine Room-Westlake Level

Workforce concerns are the top priority for counties when it comes to supporting the local economy. But good paying jobs start with childhood. Recent Harvard research has shown that the county where an individual is growing up has a significant effect on the income that the person earns into adulthood. Using the newly released interactive maps in NACo's County Explorer, this session will discuss how child poverty looks around the country. Further, it will examine the concentration of child poverty and the effect that a county has on the income potential into adulthood of a child living in poverty and growing up in the county. This session will highlight the importance of the county social safety net for children and their families.



Presenter: Dr. Emilia Istrate,
NACo Research Director

[@E_Istrate](#)

9:00 am – 10:30 am

THE IMPACTS OF CHILDHOOD TRAUMA

Pine Room-Westlake Level

Robin Karr-Morse, co-author of *Ghosts from the Nursery: Tracing the Roots of Violence*, offers a shocking but empowering message: to understand violent behavior, we must look earlier – before adolescence, before grade school, before preschool – to the cradle. Karr-Morse's startling evidence points out that violent behavior is born and cultivated as early as the first months of life. It is well known that the foundations for trust, empathy, a good conscience, and lifelong learning are laid down in infancy. It is also the time when a predisposition towards violent behavior is "hardwired" into the brain, which is a phenomenon strongly influenced by the environment and one's neurobiological make up. As executive director of The Parenting Institute, Karr-Morse views her work as "building" healthy kids rather than "fixing" broken ones. Her latest book, *Scared Sick: The Role of Childhood Trauma in Adult Disease*, discusses the repercussions of chronic fear in infants into adulthood, and how these may trigger common diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, and obesity in adults.



Introduction: The Honorable Mark Luttrell, Jr., County Mayor, Shelby County, Tenn.

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Presenter: Robin Karr-Morse, Therapist and Author

10:30 am – 10:45 am

NETWORKING BREAK

10:45 am – 12:15 pm

COUNTY POLICIES AND PRACTICES TO PROTECT CHILDREN AND PROMOTE HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT

Pine Room-Westlake Level

As county governments work to ensure their citizens are safe and secure, consensus is growing that continuing to address adult crises through the health, human services and criminal justice systems is not an efficient use of scarce resources. Smart upstream investments in preventing trauma and promoting healthy development for children, families and communities can yield huge downstream returns. This session will highlight King County's new initiative to improve the health and well-being of the county by investing in prevention and early intervention for children, youth, families, and communities and give experts and county leaders the opportunity to reflect on the latest child development research and other innovative strategies to make all children safe and their futures secure.



Introduction: The Honorable Roy Charles Brooks, Commissioner, Tarrant County, Tex.

[@RoyCBrooks](#)



Presenter: The Honorable Dow Constantine, County Executive, King County, Wash.

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Moderator: Katie Wehr, Program Officer, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

[@katiewehr](#) / [@RWJF](#)



Panelist: The Honorable Toni Carter, Commissioner, Ramsey County, Minn.

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Panelist: The Honorable Ben McAdams, Mayor, Salt Lake County, Utah.

[@MayorBenMcAdams](#)

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm

CLOSING LUNCHEON: SAFE AND SECURE COUNTIES

Pike Room-Westlake Level

Rep. Dave Reichert (R-Wash.) is a former King County Sheriff and has represented Washington's 8th congressional district since 2005. In July, Rep. Reichert was named chair of the newly formed Law Enforcement Task Force of the Republican Policy Committee. The Task Force was formed to explore the drivers of the tensions between police officers and the communities that they serve in order to develop recommendations that will help improve the vital relationship between communities and law enforcement.



Introduction: The Honorable Jane Hague, Councilmember, King County, Wash.

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Remarks: The Honorable David Reichert (R-Wash.), U.S. House of Representatives

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1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

OPTIONAL POST-SYMPOSIUM MOBILE WORKSHOP

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Safe and Secure Counties Symposium and NACo Board of Directors Meeting

December 2-5, 2015
Broadmoor Hotel
El Paso County/
Colorado Springs, Colo.

NACo Legislative Conference

February 20-24, 2016
Marriott Wardman Park Hotel
Washington, D.C.

Western Interstate Region Conference

May 25-27, 2016
Snow King Resort and Grand
View Lodge
Teton County/Jackson, Wyo.

NACo Annual Conference and Exposition

July 22-25, 2016
Long Beach Convention Center
Los Angeles County/
Long Beach, Calif.

SPEAKER & PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

Alan Berube

Senior Fellow and Deputy Director, Metropolitan Policy Program, the Brookings Institution



Mr. Alan Berube is a senior fellow and deputy director at the Brookings Institution Metropolitan Policy Program, and co-author of *Confronting Suburban Poverty in America* (Brookings Press, 2013). He has authored numerous Brookings publications on topics including metropolitan demographic and economic trends, social policies affecting low-income families and communities, and cities in the global economy.

Michael Brown

Vice President for Community Leadership, Seattle Foundation



Mr. Michael Brown serves as the Vice President for Community Leadership at the Seattle Foundation. Prior joining the foundation's staff, Mr. Brown served as a legislative aide to Seattle City Councilmember Richard McIver. He also served as Deputy Director for the Washington Association for Community Economic Development, a nonprofit that provided training and technical assistance to community-based development organizations statewide.

The Honorable Toni Carter

Commissioner, Ramsey County, Minn.



Commissioner Toni Carter was elected to the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners in 2005, and currently serves as chair of the Human Services and Education Steering Committee of the National Association of Counties (NACo). She is co-chair of the Minnesota Human Services Performance Council and the Ramsey County Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Stakeholder Committee. Commissioner Carter also serves as the chief local elected official on the Ramsey County Workforce Investment Board.

Matthew D. Chase

NACo Executive Director



Matthew D. Chase has served as the Executive Director of the National Association of Counties (NACo) since September 2012. As the chief executive officer he is responsible for the daily management of NACo, the only national association representing America's 3,069 county governments. Previously, Matt served nearly a decade as executive director of the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO), which represents local government-based regional development organizations. Prior to becoming NADO's executive director, he was the organization's legislative affairs director and deputy executive director. He began his career with the Professional Managers Association, serving as membership services director and chief operating officer. Matt was raised in Warren and Washington counties in Upstate New York. He is a graduate of Hartwick College in Otsego County, New York, and holds a master's degree in political management from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He resides in Arlington County, Virginia with his wife, Shana, where they are raising their two young sons: Nicholas and William.

The Honorable Sallie Clark

Commissioner, El Paso County, Colo.



Sallie Clark was elected president of the National Association of Counties (NACo) on July 13, 2015 at the NACo Annual Conference in Mecklenburg County, N.C. Active in NACo since 2005, Clark is a longtime member and leader of the Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee. She is also a member of the Financial Services Center Advisory Committee, Large Urban County Caucus Steering Committee and Cybersecurity Task Force. Her 2015-2016 Safe and Secure Counties Initiative is designed to enhance counties' capacity to protect public safety, support public health and human services, maintain roads and bridges and build local economies. Clark was elected to serve as an El Paso County Commissioner in 2004 and re-elected in 2008 and 2012. Clark has owned her own bed and breakfast business since 1986 and previously worked in the medical field.

The Honorable Dow Constantine

County Executive, King County, Wash.



Dow Constantine has served as King County Executive since November 2009. As a King County native he graduated from West Seattle High School and the University of Washington, where he earned two post-graduate degrees in law (1989) and urban planning (1992). Today, he lives in the same West Seattle neighborhood where he grew up. Throughout his public service career, County Executive Constantine has been an outspoken advocate for environmental protection, public transit, and government reform.

The Honorable Jane Hague

Councilmember, King County and NACo Past President



Councilmember Jane Hague was first elected to the King County Council in 1994. Councilmember Hague's career in government service has focused on three things: leadership, effectiveness, and results. She currently represents King County's District 6 which includes Beaux Arts, Bellevue, Clyde Hill, Hunts Point, Kirkland, Medina, Mercer Island, Redmond, Woodinville, and Yarrow Point.

The Honorable Lloyd Hara

Assessor, King County, Wash.



Mr. Lloyd Hara was elected to serve as Assessor for King County, Washington in November 2011. Prior to his service as County Assessor Mr. Hara was King County's youngest auditor, and an award winning, nationally recognized Seattle City Treasurer, and public finance expert. Prior to his current role he served four terms as Seattle City Treasurer from 1980-1992.

Dr. Emilia Istrate

NACo Research Director



Dr. Emilia Istrate is NACo's Director of Research and Outreach, being responsible for developing the research priorities in support of NACo's strategic plan and mission. Prior joining NACo, Emilia was a senior research associate and associate fellow with the Metropolitan Policy Program at Brookings. She specializes in economic development and infrastructure. Her research has been widely cited by the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Reuters, CNN, the Atlantic, the Economist and other media outlets.

Robin Karr-Morse

Therapist and Author



As a family therapist and having served more than 20 years in Oregon's education and child welfare systems, Robin Karr-Morse has drawn together the latest science in psychology, biology, neurology, and genetics to write two popular books that take readers inside the reality of early development.

The Honorable Chip LaMarca

Commissioner, Broward County, Fla.



Commissioner Chip LaMarca became active in public service in 2002, serving on many City of Lighthouse Point boards. In 2005, he was elected to a seat on the Lighthouse Point City Commission after running a campaign based on integrity, public safety and good governance. In 2010, after serving the citizens of Lighthouse Point for two terms, he was elected to serve on the Broward County Board of County Commissioners.

The Honorable Mark Luttrell, Jr.

County Mayor, Shelby County, Tenn.



Mayor Mark Luttrell was elected into the office of Shelby County Mayor in August 2010. During his tenure he has led several successful initiatives in economic development, such as creating the Economic Development Growth Engine (EDGE) for Memphis and Shelby County, while also emphasizing expanded public awareness of healthy living through the Healthy Shelby program. Mayor Luttrell aims to make Shelby County become a national benchmark for effective and efficient government by aligning initiatives within his four-point vision: budget discipline, safe communities, public health, and jobs.

The Honorable Ben McAdams

Mayor, Salt Lake County, Utah



Ben McAdams was sworn into office as Salt Lake County Mayor on Jan. 7, 2013. Mayor McAdams pledged to work collaboratively, across party lines, to find efficiencies in County government and to be open and accountable to citizens. During his tenure as County Mayor, he has championed education, helping the county become the first in the country to partner with the private sector to offer greater access to high-quality preschool for low-income children.

The Honorable Jim McDonough

Commissioner, Ramsey County, Minn.



Commissioner Jim McDonough was born and raised on the East Side of St. Paul and continues to live there today. As a lifelong resident of the East Side Jim has a unique understanding of the qualities that his neighborhood embodies, including a strong dedication to community and the importance of building relationships. Jim brings "East Side Pride" to all of the boards and committees he serves on. In his tenure as Commissioner, Jim has served on a variety of committees that include everything from youth services to mental health to supporting our aging population.

The Honorable John O'Grady

Commissioner, Franklin County, Ohio



Commissioner John O'Grady was first elected to the Franklin County Board of Commissioners in November 2008. Throughout his tenure, he has strived to make Franklin County one of the best communities in the nation for living, working, visiting and doing business. To do this, he takes a "hand-in-glove" approach to economic development, community development and social services, seeing their link as critical to the success of each. Prior to serving as Commissioner, John worked as an administrator in the State Treasurer's office, owned his own business, and served two four-year terms as the Clerk of Courts for the Franklin County Common Pleas Courts and the 10th District Court of Appeals.

The Honorable David Reichert (R-Wash.)

U.S. House of Representatives



Rep. Dave Reichert (R-Wash.) is a former King County Sheriff and has represented Washington's 8th congressional district since 2005. In July, Rep. Reichert was named chair of the newly formed Law Enforcement Task Force of the Republican Policy Committee. The Task Force was formed to explore the drivers of the tensions between police officers and the communities that they serve in order to develop recommendations that will help improve the vital relationship between communities and law enforcement.

The Honorable Dave Upthegrove

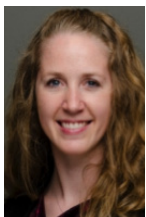
Councilmember, King County, Wash.



Councilman Dave Upthegrove has served on the King County Council since January 2014. He earned his B.A. in Environmental Conservation from the University of Colorado, and has previously worked on the Legislative Staff of the Washington State House of Representatives, as well as the Community Relations Director for former King County Councilwoman Julia Patterson.

Katie Wehr

Program Officer, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation



Katie Wehr has served as a Program Officer with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation since 2010. Her work focuses on discovering and investing in what works to promote and protect the nation's health and to achieve the Foundation's vision where we, as a nation, strive together to build a Culture of Health enabling all in our diverse society to lead healthy lives, now and for generations to come.

James Whittaker

Distinguished Engineer, Microsoft



Mr. James Whittaker currently serves as an engineer and "Technical Evangelist" for Microsoft. James' career spans academia, start-ups and top tech companies and starts in 1986 as the first computer science graduate hired by the FBI. James is known for being a creative and passionate leader and sought after speaker and author. Of his five books two have been Jolt Award finalists. Follow him on Twitter @docjamesw.

The Honorable Denise Winfrey

Board Member, Will County, Ill.



Denise Winfrey has been a member of the Will County Board since 2009 and serves on the Captiol Improvement Committee and the Public Works and Transportation Committee. She is active in a number of community organizations, including: Will-Grundy Center for Independent Living, Accessible Cities Alliance for Joliet, Court Appointed Special Advocates of Joliet (CASA), National Hook-Up of Black Women (NHBW)- Joliet Chapter.

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