



## Meeting of NACo'S Immigration Reform Task Force

Monday, February 22, 10:45AM – 12:00PM | Marriott Wardman Park Hotel | **Room:** Roosevelt 1-3

### Task Force Leadership

**Chair:** Hon. Lenore Stuart, Supervisor, Yuma County, Ariz.  
**Vice Chair:** Hon. Sean Conway, Commissioner, Weld County, Colo.  
**Vice Chair:** Hon. Marc Hamlin, District Clerk, Brazos County, Texas  
**Vice Chair:** Hon. Liz Stefanics, Commissioner, Santa Fe County, N.M.

### Draft Meeting Agenda

#### Call to Order and Welcome

#### Introductions

#### The Federal Refugee Admissions and Resettlement Process

As numerous international disasters have unfolded throughout modern history, the United States has admitted and resettled millions of individuals fleeing from war-torn or oppressive nations. Congress enacted the first refugee legislation after World War II, in 1948, and later passed the Refugee Act of 1980, which created a standardized resettlement process and established the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Today, the United States continues to admit and resettle individuals from around the world who are fleeing war or persecution, and various federal agencies, including ORR, play a role in carrying out this process. In this session, we will be joined by representatives from these agencies, who will discuss the federal government's refugee admission and resettlement process and engage with NACo members on the role of counties in this process.

#### **Moderator:**

- **Theresa Cardinal Brown**, Director of Immigration Policy, Bipartisan Policy Center

#### **Panelists:**

- **Leon Rodriguez**, Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- **Bob Carey**, Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- **Lawrence Barnett**, Director, Office of Refugee Admissions, U.S. Department of State

#### Meeting Concludes

NACo staff contact: Hadi Sedigh at [hsedigh@naco.org](mailto:hsedigh@naco.org) or 202.942.4213