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Washington DC**

March 2-6, 2019

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The National Association of Counties (NACo) held its annual legislative conference in Washington DC at the Washington Hilton, March 2-6, 2019. Being my first year on the Board I was very interested in seeing the learning and networking opportunities that NACo provides to attendees of the conference, and to evaluate its value to Lake County. There were over 2,000 county officials and employees from around the country in attendance.

I arrived in DC Sunday morning, March 3rd, at 11:30, quickly checked in and registered at the conference, then went straight to work on my first session at 1PM.

The conference provided opportunities to listen to speakers, including Cabinet Secretaries, US Congress men and women, US Senators and Corporate CEOs. In addition to the speakers, there were non-stop learning sessions, workshops, policy sessions, meet and greets with Federal Agency contacts and networking opportunities. My schedule was often filled from 7AM until 10PM attending a combination of the above.

The conference also provided opportunities to meet with Federal Legislators on the Hill to listen to their initiatives to promote and support counties as well as an opportunity to share issues that affect our counties.

One of the biggest takeaways from the conference were the dozens of relationships made with fellow Board Members across the country, Federal agency contacts, Congressmen, Senators and their aides, all of whom I can follow up with to brainstorm, bounce ideas off of and compare challenges and potential solutions.

It is my honor and privilege to provide this outlined, comprehensive summary of the conference and to showcase what I heard, what I learned and who I met. This report contains the sessions I participated in and associated knowledge attained. It will comprise of a combination of Schedule notes on the sessions, my notes on the session, and follow up notes from NACo on some of the sessions.

At the end of this report is the press release associated with my trip, examples of reports from the NACo County Explorer Tool, and a full list of the Conference Schedule, including all sessions, whether I attended or not.

If you would like any additional information, or have any particular topic you would like me to pursue, please feel free to reach out to me and let me know. Please email me at DBarr@LakeCountyIL.gov with any requests, comments or questions.

Sincerely,

Dick Barr

Sessions I attended:

1. International Economic Development Task Force Meeting – Sunday 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

- a. **Schedule Notes:** *As shifts in U.S. trade policy ripple across the global economy, county governments and their residents feel the impacts on the ground. This session will feature a conversation with the Brookings Institution on the recent tariffs implemented in 2018 and other important*



changes to U.S. trade policy, with a special focus on how county leaders can continue to encourage international economic development within their county economies. SelectUSA will also join the meeting to give an update on the latest services it has to offer county leaders. Hosted by the International Economic Development Task Force, this session is open to all conference attendees.

- b. Speaker Brian Lenihan, executive director of SelectUSA, U.S. Department of Commerce, said Counties and Economic Development groups have a chance to tell their county's story to investors at the annual Investment Summit set for June 10-12 at the Washington Hilton. SelectUSA pairs economic development organizations (EDOs) with qualified foreign firms to jumpstart business investment and job creation.

"It's sort of like speed dating," said Starkey, who was recognized in 2017 as "International Person of the Year" by the Tampa Bay Organization of Women in International Trade.

Panelist Marek Gootman, fellow and director of Strategic Partnerships and Global Initiatives at the Brookings Institution, said he often sees well-meaning economic development activities going on, "but they're not well-coordinated, there is limited strategy."

"There is a significant amount of resources but it's not organized," he said. Counties need to partner with other counties in their region, as well as cities, business groups and universities to sell themselves to foreign investors, he said. Brand recognition and visibility in the context of the region is important, he noted. "Ask yourself: What is our advantage?"

2. Next Generation Network Business Meeting – Sunday 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

- a. **Schedule Notes:** *Network of new and newly elected county officials and learn about NACo's unique resources for the next generation of county leaders and opportunities to engage with NACo.*
- b. Went around room asking participants to share their biggest issues. Issues mentioned include:
- Drugs,
 - Opioids,
 - Property taxes,
 - Hospitals,
 - Marijuana challenges,

- vi. Income inequality,
- vii. Growing too slow,
- viii. growing too fast,
- ix. Age gaps,
- x. Access to health care,
- xi. cell service,
- xii. broadband,
- xiii. etc.
- c. Next Generation is a group that helps members navigate NACo, welcomes them in, and helps them connect to committees of interest.

3. NACo Next Generation Network / County Leadership Institute (CLI) / High Performance Leadership Academy Reception – Sunday 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

4. Federal Agency Contacts Open House – Monday 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

- a. Coffee with representatives from several federal agencies. Met with, exchanged contacts with representatives from the following agencies
 - i. Federal Communications Commission
 - ii. U.S. Census Bureau
 - iii. U.S. Department of Energy
 - iv. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
 - v. U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration
 - vi. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
 - vii. U.S. Economic Development Administration

5. General Session: Monday 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

- a. Speakers:
 - i. **Hon. Alexander Acosta - U.S. Secretary of Labor**

Acosta said the Administration's goal is to increase apprenticeships in the country. . Trump signed an executive order in 2017 to increase the number of apprenticeships from 500,000 to 1,000,000.



"We're going to announce grants of \$150 million to community colleges, asking them to find matching partners in the business community," Acosta said. "It's a win-win. Businesses get skills they ask for and colleges get insight into skills that are required." www.apprenticeship.gov, is a DOL website that connects career seekers, employers and educators.

Acosta asked county officials to talk to their schools about showing students "multiple paths to success."

"Kids can take apprenticeships and get a college degree with no student debt," he said, noting that they can come out making on average of \$28 an hour.

Acosta also wants county officials to be aware that occupational licensing regulations can hurt people who move from one state,

county or city to the next; he zeroed in on one audience that is particularly hard hit: military spouses.

“Our men and women in the armed forces ... often, we recruit them as an individual and somewhere along the line they get married,” he said. What happens with frequent moves is a spouse who is in a licensed occupation loses that license, interrupting their career.

ii. **Hon. Joni Ernst - U.S. Senator (R-Iowa)**

iii. **Kellyanne Conway - Assistant to the President and Senior Counselor**

6. **Reimagining County Behavioural Health Crisis Response Systems and Policies**

10:45 AM – 11:45 AM

a. **Schedule Notes:**

Without alternatives to jails and emergency rooms, law enforcement and other first responders have few options for diverting people who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis. NACo is partnering with Arnold Ventures to improve America's Crisis response system through the Data-Driven Justice Project. This workshop



presents engagement strategies counties are using to build regional and state support to redesign crisis response systems and link people with mental illnesses and/or substance use disorders to places where they are most likely to receive effective treatment.

- b. America's 3,069 counties are integral to America's behavioral health system. Counties annually invest \$70 billion in community health systems, including behavioral health services. Through 750 behavioral health authorities and community providers, county governments plan and operate community-based services for persons with mental illnesses and substance use conditions. County-based behavioral health systems exist in 23 states that represent 75% of the US population.
- c. Key stats
 - i. 1 in 5 adults in the U.S. experience a mental illness
 - 1. More than half did not receive treatment
 - ii. 1 in 25 adults in the U.S. experience a Serious mental illness
 - 1. 1/3rd did not receive treatment
 - iii. 1 in 10 adults in the U.S. experience a substance abuse disorder
 - 1. 90% did not receive treatment
- d. Six Strategies to address Behavioral Health in Counties:
 - i. Onboard people in your community to help
 - 1. Building community support and collaboration is a critical first step in creating successful strategies and initiatives to serve high-utilizers. These initiatives require strong relationships among a diverse set of people including law enforcement, behavioral health providers, housing and homelessness services, faith-based organizations,

advocates, people with lived experience, and other community resources and service providers. These groups often have limited experience collaborating with each other and do not typically share data, staff, or mandates. Below are three critical steps for getting started.

2. Players should include :
 - a. Law Enforcement Leaders
 - b. Mayors and County Commissioners
 - c. District Attorneys and Prosecutors
 - d. Behavioral Health Leaders
 - e. Public Defenders
 - f. Jail Directors & Jail Health Care Providers
 - g. Judges
 - h. EMTs
 - i. Hospitals
 - j. Local Federally Qualified Health Centers & Clinics
 - k. Reentry Organizations
 - l. Housing Authorities
 - m. Homeless Service Organizations
 - n. Faith-based Organizations
 - o. Consumer Advocates
 - p. Data Scientists
 - q. Local Tech Innovators
 - r. Local Universities
- ii. Identify the people you hope to serve
 1. Communities should develop and implement plans to combine data across organizational silos to identify the highest utilizers of multiple services and their needs. This will require navigating legal, privacy, and security concerns and matching data across different systems and more.
 2. Strategies:
 - a. Build consensus and document the specific uses for data
 - b. Identify the minimum types and amounts of data you actually need to achieve the purpose
 - c. Provide ongoing opportunities to inform individuals and the public about how their data are being used to gain trust
 - d. Build privacy, security and civil liberty protections into the design of the data sharing systems from the start
 - e. Use HIPPA as a tool
- iii. Build a Diversion Strategy
 1. Pre-arrest diversion strategies offer alternatives to incarceration for individuals with mental and substance use disorders. A pre-arrest diversion strategy includes tools for first responders to determine whether an alternative to arrest and potential incarceration in the criminal justice system is appropriate and, if appropriate, to link individuals to treatment and services. Communities should identify what types of procedures and services will best address the issues discovered through data analysis and conversations with community leaders.
 2. The goal of a successful pre-arrest diversion strategy for a high-utilizer population is to reduce the rates of emergency health and public safety service usage, while increasing linkages across health, behavioral health, housing, and other social supports so that an individual gets the services they need (e.g. if someone needs substance abuse treatment but regularly comes into contact with homelessness services, they can be directed to treatment through

the homeless service). Such a strategy should also aim to improve the health and wellbeing of individuals while promoting better public safety outcomes and a more efficient use of public resources.

3. Approaches include:
 - a. Police Based response model
 - b. Mobile crisis teams
 - c. Law Enforcement Tools
 - d. Crisis Hotlines
- iv. Create Warm Hand-Offs
 1. After the decision is made to divert an individual, the question for the first-responder becomes: DIVERT TO WHAT AND WHERE?
 2. Law enforcement and other first responders need a place and trained staff for warm-handoffs of individuals in crisis. These are key elements of successful diversion programs and ensure that individuals are directly and immediately connected to treatment services. While some communities already have facilities that can accommodate drop-off treatment, stabilization, and referral, others may have to build new capacity to facilitate warm-handoffs
 3. Options we can consider:
 - a. Crisis Stabilization Centers
 - b. Service Centers
 - c. Service Based Diversion & Referral
 - d. Supportive Housing
- v. Initiate and Deliver ongoing services effectively
 1. The next strategy in developing a strong foundation of support for high-utilizers is to provide effective services and treatment on an ongoing basis. As mentioned previously, a key characteristic of the high-utilizer population is the fragmented, episodic and partial care they receive, which results in their continued cycling through services that are not fully meeting their underlying needs.
 2. Developing coordinated and comprehensive community-based treatment is the only way to break this cycle and respond to the multiple and complex health, behavioral health, housing, and other needs that highutilizers often have.
 3. Seven treatment and support services that have been demonstrated to be effective for the high-utilizer population are:
 - a. Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)
 - b. Intensive Case Management (ICM)
 - c. Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
 - d. Peer Support Services
 - e. Pre-Release Coordination of Services
 - f. Harm Reduction
 - g. Supportive Housing
- vi. Leverage available funding streams to optimize care
 1. Much is contingent on identifying resources to move your community's initiatives forward. However, many resources can also be identified through engaging all of your community's stakeholders and helping show that every one of them derives value from helping your high-utilizer population.
 2. There are broad-based funding streams that can work together and separately to help fund necessary treatments and support services for your community's highest utilizers. The primary funding streams for this are Medicaid, Medicaid/Medicare Dual Eligibility, Supplementary Security Income, and resources from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

7. Unveiling the New County Explorer Tool and how it can strengthen your advocacy – Monday 1:45 PM – 3:00 PM

- a. **Schedule Notes:** *NACo's County Explorer Tool provides easy access to the latest available county-level data, with hundreds of indicators across categories ranging from county administration to all manner of policy issues, including transportation and infrastructure, health and many others. NACo staff unveil an all new and dramatically improved version of County Explorer, optimized for functionality on mobile platforms and suitable for use by experts and novice users.*
- b. Perhaps the most important thing I learned on the conference was the NACo County Explorer Tool.
- c. Access at <https://ce.naco.org/>

8. Coming to you soon: Emerging trends in State Legislatures – Monday 3:15 – 5:00 PM

- a. **Schedule Notes:** *State governments have a significant impact on the operations of counties, and states across the country are legislating on similar issues state to state. Discussion of how states are tackling pressing county priorities, like property taxes, 5G and elections, and how Federal action could change the landscape for states and Counties alike.*
- b. Discussed marijuana regulation, SALT deductions in new tax code, Elections and Disaster response.

9. National Conference of Republican County Officials Reception – Monday 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

10. General Session: Tuesday 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

a. Hon. Sonny Perdue - U.S. Secretary of Agriculture

- i. He spoke about the relationship between Counties and the Federal Government, how the USDA interacts with local governments, the Farm Bill (which affects 30,000 acres of land in Lake County), water treatment issues, Ubiquitous Broadband, property ownership rights and the common challenges that exist at all levels of government.
- ii. Spoke of his concern regarding such bitter partisanship having taken the place of working to solve problems, blaming both sides.

b. Hon. Ben Carson - U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

- i. He spoke of "opportunity zones", giving Governors the ability to dedicate 25% of the state's most blighted areas for significant economic development, including federal tax incentives for investors to not just invest in these blighted areas, but to encourage them to stay there long term.



- ii. He spoke on the importance of not just new growth, but consistent growth as well
 - iii. He spoke on the revamping of Section 3 to require hiring of low income and local workers on HUD projects to build training and work opportunities to our underserved areas.
 - iv. Frustrated with how the HUD voucher system incentivizes separated families, he spoke on removing rules and regulations in the HUD system that don't promote self sufficiency and families staying together.
 - v. He spoke of the importance of local Governments investing in infrastructure projects that will invite new investments in the area, specifically calling for transportation projects and workforce development. The 2 most important assets to new companies is the availability of qualified employees and a way to get them to and from work.
 - vi. He spoke about the creation of the Opportunity and Revitalization Council to address grant funding, crime prevention, affordable housing, infrastructure improvements and loan guarantees.
 - vii. While he is working to change the perception of housing vouchers, he spoke about ways that local governments have worked to incentivize landlords to accept vouchers by offering no damage guarantees.
 - viii. He also spoke of the necessity of our local governments to address the Opioid epidemic, while not villifying addicts, as he knows how easy it is to become addicted to opiates.
- c. **Hon. Amy Klobuchar - U.S. Senator (D-Minn.)**
 - d. **Hon. Marco Rubio - U.S. Senator (R-Fla.)**
 - i. Small business and entrepreneurship, connecting entrepreneurs to capital, prioritizing small business
 - e. **Steve Case - Chairman and CEO of Revolution LLC and Co-Founder of America Online**



11. White House Tour: Tuesday 11:30 AM – 12:15 PM



12. Group Photo at the Capital: Tuesday 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM



13. Capital Visits: Tuesday 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM

- a. Attempted meeting with Congressman Brad Schneider, however he was not in his office, however I did leave a card for the Congressman, and his staff did provide me with Gallery passes to both the House and Senate.
- b. Toured the Capital.
- c. Met with US Congressman for the 13th District, Rodney Davis' Legislative aid, Alex Murglin. We spoke on several issues the Congressman was working on as well as issues germane to Illinois and its counties.
- d. Met with NACo Lobbyist regarding draft Senate legislation to provide Federal funding for VSO's for County VACs.

14. President's Reception Tuesday 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

- a. Closing reception for the Conference.
- b. Final opportunity for networking.

15. Wednesday had no scheduled events.

- a. Unable to schedule any personal meetings with local Congressional leaders
- b. Opted to walk around The Capitol and Library of Congress and tour the National Mall while waiting for my return flight.
- c. On future trips, I will need to do a better job coordinating with our State Association and the individual Congressional leaders' offices in advance.

Departed for airport 3:00 PM Wednesday

MEDIA RELEASE

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Lake County Board's Dick Barr participates in NACo's Legislative Conference *Administration and congressional leaders highlight county role in serving residents*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Lake County Board Member, Dick Barr, joined nearly 2,000 other county leaders in Washington, D.C. for the National Association of Counties (NACo) annual Legislative Conference March 2-6. Participants met with members of the Trump administration and Congress on key issues like disaster recovery, the opioid and substance abuse epidemic, Veteran issues and revitalizing American infrastructure.

“As a new County Board Member, I wanted to see the value that a nationwide conference of County officials could provide. I was blown away at the quality and quantity of information available, the A-List of speakers, and the personal contacts, not just U.S. Congressmen, Senators and their aids, but Federal agency, and other county official contacts from all over the country to share experiences with,” said Barr. “I must have walked away with 50-60 business cards of leaders throughout the country whom I can call on for valuable information, to bounce ideas off, and to see how they solved issues that are currently affecting Lake County.”

“Decisions made by the White House, Congress and federal courts have major impacts on our ability to lead our communities and pursue a better future,” said NACo President Greg Cox. “This conference is an opportunity to strengthen our relationship with our federal partners as we help residents forge pathways to live well and thrive.”

In meetings with lawmakers and administration officials, county leaders outlined [several key federal policy priorities](#) including:

- Promoting county infrastructure priorities in a comprehensive infrastructure package
- Supporting the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and Secure Rural Schools (SRS) programs, which honor federal commitments to public lands and timber counties
- Promoting mental health, substance use disorders treatment and criminal justice reform, and
- Boosting broadband deployment and accessibility while preserving local zoning authority.

As part of its policy advocacy, NACo launched an updated “[Counties Matter](#)” campaign to illustrate counties’ vast role in advancing America’s policy priorities at the local level. NACo also launched a new and improved [County Explorer](#). The tool, which allows users to map data at the county level, now works on mobile devices and is more user-friendly.

“When I first was introduced to the “County Explorer” tool, I was amazed at how much data is available to us through our association with NACo. At the click of a mouse we can compare our county, based on size, demographic, population, rural/urban landscape on metrics such as economy growth, opioid deaths, number of hospitals, veteran population, homeless, affordable housing, number of exports and imports, along with hundreds of other metrics,” said Barr. “Being able to access this data instantly, and printing a beautifully formatted and easy to read report is an invaluable tool for advocacy when speaking with our local, state and federal leaders.”

Conference participants heard from congressional and administration leaders, including U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue, U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Ben Carson, U.S. Secretary of Labor Alexander Acosta, U.S. Senators Joni Ernst, Amy Klobuchar and Marco Rubio, Assistant to the President and Senior Counselor Kellyanne Conway and Co-Founder of America Online Steve Case.

Counties officials were very active on Capitol Hill, meeting with senators and representatives on key County issues. The conference featured three briefings on Capitol Hill: one on strengthening human services; one on fixing the FAST Act, focusing on transportation infrastructure; and another on how counties are reimagining health care in county jails. NACo also [announced a joint task force](#) with the National Sheriffs' Association to examine the Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy, which strips federal health and veterans' benefits from individuals upon admission to jail – not upon conviction – leading to increased recidivism.

Dozens of county officials also rallied at a press conference with a bipartisan group of congressional leaders to underscore support for key public lands programs, Secure Rural Schools and Payments in Lieu of Taxes. [Watch the press conference here.](#)

There were more than two dozen [policy workshops](#) featuring county officials and other leaders in the public, private and nonprofit sectors. They focused on topics like the opioid crisis; early childhood investments; workforce and economic development; transportation and infrastructure; public health and safety; mental health and jails; and cybersecurity and technology.

“The NACo Conference was just the beginning. Now I need to take advantage of the information I learned and work with my colleagues on the Board to evaluate how Lake County can benefit from these best practices,” said Barr. “Cultivating the relationships obtained in Washington over the coming months will be instrumental in building on the concepts gathered at the conference and solidifying ideas to benefit all residents of Lake County.”

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SAMPLE REPORTS

LAKE COUNTY, IL



SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)

SNAP BENEFITS	SNAP RECIPIENT HOUSEHOLDS
\$80.6m	21,654
SHARE OF HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVING SNAP BELOW POVERTY LEVEL	FOOD INSECURITY RATE
40.0%	6.8%

ABOUT SNAP

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a public assistance program that offers nutrition support to eligible low-income individuals and families. The county role in administering SNAP is one of the many ways in which counties serve as the front-line social safety-net for our nation’s communities.

Although SNAP is primarily a partnership between the federal government and states, ten states delegate SNAP administration directly to county agencies: California, Colorado, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Virginia and Wisconsin.

Families receiving SNAP in the ten county-administered states make up 32 percent of total SNAP recipients. In 2017, counties in those ten states received \$20 billion in SNAP funds - out of the 62 billion - received by county governments.

SNAP ADMINISTRATION

SNAP ADMINISTRATION (STATE- ADMINISTERED/COUNTY- ADMINISTERED)	STATE SHARE OF ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	STATE SNAP AVERAGE MONTHLY BENEFIT PER PERSON
Yes/No	\$108.2m	132

OUR ASK

NACo applauds the passage of a bipartisan farm bill, which protects funding for SNAP. As Congress and the administration consider changes to time limits and work requirements for SNAP recipients, NACo urges our federal partners to engage with counties about the impact these changes may have on our residents.





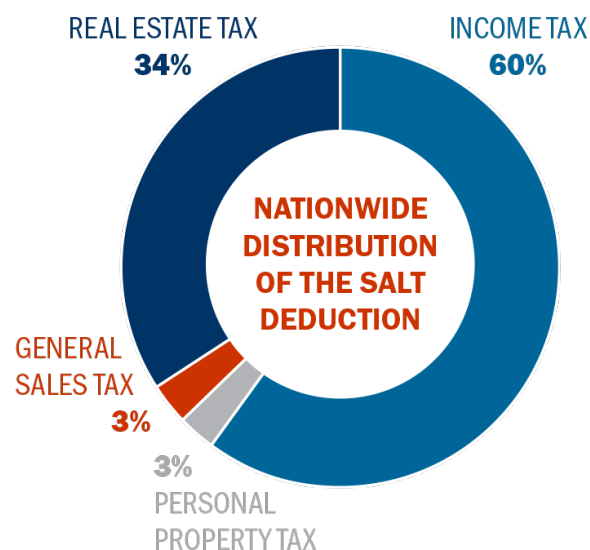
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STATE AND LOCAL TAX DEDUCTION (SALT)

LAKE COUNTY

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS CLAIMING SALT, 2015:	PERCENT OF MIDDLE INCOME SALT BENEFICIARIES*:	TOTAL AMOUNT DEDUCTED BY HOUSEHOLDS THROUGH SALT, 2015:	PERCENT OF SALT DEDUCTIONS BENEFITING MIDDLE INCOME HOUSEHOLDS*:	AVERAGE SALT DEDUCTION, 2015:
146,470	75.80%	\$2.73 BILLION	43.28%	\$18,657

- **Eliminating the SALT deduction would be a tax increase on almost 30 percent of American taxpayers**, since the deduction allows the subtraction of their mandatory tax payments to state and local governments from their federally taxable income.
- **Attempts to eliminate the SALT deduction represent a nearly \$1.3 trillion revenue grab by the federal government** at the expense of state and local government services and by gutting home ownership incentives.
- **The SALT deduction has been a bedrock principle since the first three-page federal income tax in 1913**, and the deduction supports local school funding, home ownership, lower middle-income taxes, tailored social services, infrastructure development and local job creation efforts. The principle of state and local control of tax systems extends back to President Lincoln and even Alexander Hamilton in the Federalist Papers.



OUR ASK

Counties urge Congress and the administration to preserve local decision-making and prevent double taxation by maintaining the SALT deduction in comprehensive tax reform.

Notes: NACo analysis of Internal Revenue Service (IRS) 2015 data.

**Middle income brackets include all taxpayers who claimed the SALT deduction making less than \$200,000 in adjusted gross income in 2015, per IRS data.*

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS PROVIDE CRITICAL SERVICES WITH TAX REVENUE, INCLUDING:



INFRASTRUCTURE



EDUCATION



LAW ENFORCEMENT



EMERGENCY SERVICES



HEALTH SERVICES

COUNTY ECONOMIES 2016

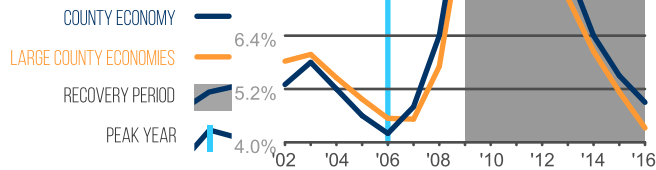
LAKE COUNTY, IL

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE CHANGE

2015-2016

-0.6PPS

COUNTY
PERFORMANCE
2002-2016



RECOVERED
BY 2016

NO

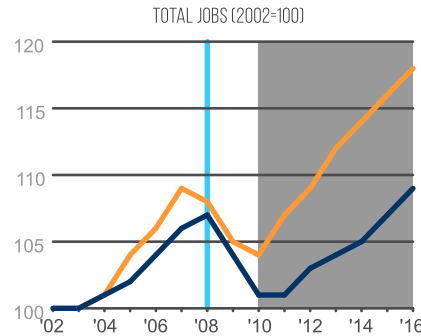
SIZING UP 2016

POPULATION, 2015	703,910
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, 2016	4.9%
REAL GDP, 2016, IN 2009 DOLLARS	\$50.7 Billion
AVERAGE REAL WAGES, 2016, IN 2009 DOLLARS	\$52.4 Thousand
Lake County, IL has a county government.	

Lake County is a large county in the Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI metropolitan area.

JOBS GROWTH RATE

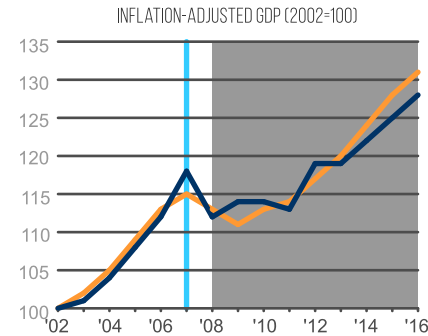
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YES

ECONOMIC OUTPUT GROWTH RATE

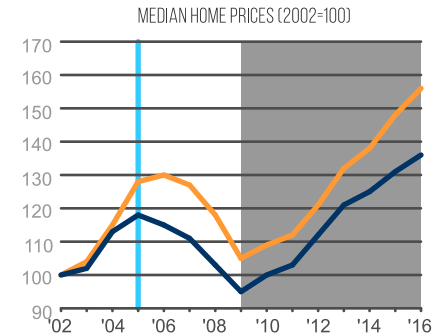
2.5%



YES

MEDIAN HOME PRICES GROWTH RATE

4.0%



YES

TOP FIVE SPECIALIZED INDUSTRIES, BY EMPLOYMENT, 2016

MANUFACTURING - 54.2 THOUSAND JOBS - 11.7%

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - 39.6 THOUSAND JOBS - 8.6%

WHOLESALE TRADE - 26.8 THOUSAND JOBS - 5.8%

MILITARY - 12.1 THOUSAND JOBS - 2.6%

MANAGEMENT & ENTERPRISES - 9.7 THOUSAND JOBS - 2.1%

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DEFINITION OF TERMS: (Data Sources: Woods & Poole Economics, Inc., 2016 Data and U.S. Census Bureau)

Economic output (gross domestic product - GDP): Total value of goods and services produced by a county economy, also known as GDP. **Jobs:** Total wage and salary jobs, whether full or part-time, temporary or permanent in a county economy. This is a measure of the number of jobs, not employed people, for all employers in a county economy, not only for the county government. **Median Home Sales Price:** Median sales prices of existing single-family homes in a county economy. **Unemployment Rate:** The proportion of the civilian labor force that is employed.

For more on the methodology and indicators, see the Key Terms document available at www.NACo.org/CountyEconomies

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS (CDBG)

LAKE COUNTY, IL

	CDBG FUNDING, FY 2010:	CDBG FUNDING, FY 2018:	CDBG PERCENT CHANGE, FY 2010 - FY 2018:*
COUNTY	\$ 2.8 M	\$ 2.9 M	4.2%
STATE	\$ 35.1 M	\$ 28.9 M	-17.5%

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's CDBG program provides critical funding to counties to improve local communities and serve our most vulnerable residents. Counties use the flexibility of CDBG to partner with the private and non-profit sectors to address economic development, infrastructure and human service needs, and to create jobs through the expansion and retention of businesses.

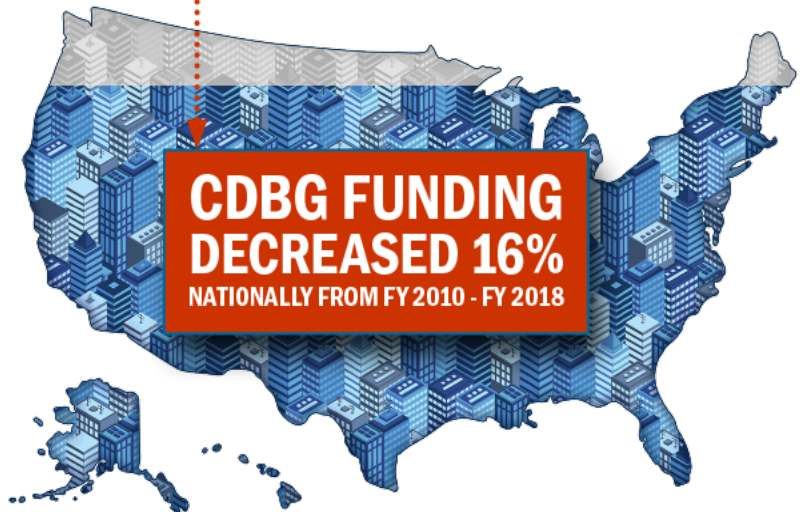
OUR ASK

Counties urge Congress to provide \$3.5 billion for CDBG in FY 2019 to support local community and economic development, job creation and retention projects.

Source: NACo analysis of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development data

*Notes: County CDBG amount reflects entitlement funding. The State CDBG amount is the state administered CDBG, including the non-entitlement funding for smaller cities and counties. The national CDBG amount includes American Samoa, Guam, Marianas Islands, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands. For 9 counties the percentage change reflects the period between the first year they became entitlement communities (later than FY 2010) and FY 2018. NACo Produced profiles for the FY 2018 entitlement counties (including city-county consolidations and independent cities qualifying as county governments under their state constitution) and Hawaii non-entitlement counties.

SUPPORT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT
AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS



CDBG FUNDING IS CRITICAL FOR SERVICES INCLUDING:



HOMEOWNERSHIP



PUBLIC WORKS



COMMUNITY
REVITALIZATION



ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT



SMALL BUSINESS



HEALTH AND
SENIOR CARE

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IN LAKE COUNTY, IL

POPULATION

703,520

TOTAL HOUSING UNITS

261,715

PERCENT OCCUPIED
HOUSING UNITS

93.0%

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD
INCOME

\$79,886

HOMEOWNERS

Owner-Occupied Housing Units

178,807

Percent **Moderately-Burdened** Owners

17.3%

Percent **Severely-Burdened** Owners

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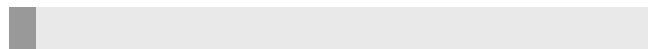
11.7%

Total Percent **Cost-Burdened** Owners

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29.0%

4% Below the Nationwide Share of Cost Burdened Owners



RENTERS

Renter-Occupied Housing Units

64,469

Percent **Moderately-Burdened** Renters

26.5%

Percent **Severely-Burdened** Renters

+

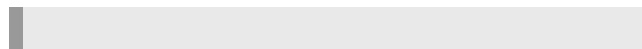
1.3%

Total Percent **Cost-Burdened** Renters

=

49.0%

2% Below the Nationwide Share of Cost Burdened Renters



*Definitions: A household is **cost-burdened** if 30 percent or more (**moderately-burdened** if between 30 and 50 percent and **severely-burdened** if over 50 percent) of household income is spent on housing costs (i.e., gross rent, mortgage or other monthly owner costs).*

Source: NACo analysis of U.S. Census Bureau - American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates.

Notes: The American Community Survey (ACS) is an ongoing national survey of more than 3.5 million households annually. Thus, the estimates produced by ACS are not exact because they are based on a sample and have a degree of uncertainty (sampling error). Profiles have been created only for counties with reliable estimates. For more on definitions, sources and reliability, please see [link](#).

FULL NACO SCHEDULE

2019 NACo Legislative Conference

Schedule as of: 03/09/2019

Friday, March 1, 2019

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| <i>Mar. 1</i>
8:00 am to 5:00 pm | National Association for County Community and Economic Development (NACCED) Board and Committee Meetings

Georgetown East & West, Concourse Level |
| <i>Mar. 1</i>
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm | NACo Ambassadors Meeting

Fairchild East & West, Terrace Level |
| <i>Mar. 1</i>
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm | Registration Open

Columbia West, Terrace Level |

Saturday, March 2, 2019

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| <i>Mar. 2</i>
7:00 am to 8:30 am | First-Time Attendees Orientation and Breakfast

Jefferson East & West, Concourse Level

All first-time attendees are welcome to join us to learn more about NACo and how to make the most out of the Legislative Conference. |
| <i>Mar. 2</i>
7:00 am to 5:00 pm | Registration Open

Columbia West, Terrace Level |
| <i>Mar. 2</i>
7:30 am to 8:45 am | Resilient Counties Advisory Board Meeting

Holmead, Lobby Level |
| <i>Mar. 2</i>
8:00 am to 9:00 am | Policy Coordinating Committee Meeting #1

Kalorama, First Floor |

Mar. 2
8:00 am to 11:00 am

NACCTFO: Civic Engagement in a Digital Age: Bridging the Digital Divide

Tenleytown West, First Floor

Mar. 2
9:00 am to 10:00 am

Community Economic and Workforce Development Steering Committee – Resolutions Meeting

Columbia 11 & 12, Terrace Level

Join the Community, Economic and Workforce Development (CEWD) Steering Committee Resolutions Meeting as members discuss proposed policy resolutions related to the CEWD policy platform. Members will hear from sponsors who submitted policy resolutions and have the opportunity to ask questions before they are voted on at the afternoon CEWD business meeting.

Mar. 2
9:00 am to 10:00 am

Public Lands Policy Steering Committee – Resolutions Meeting

International Ballroom East, Concourse Level

Join the Public Lands Steering Committee's (PLSC) Resolutions Meeting as members discuss proposed policy resolutions related to the PLSC policy platform. Members will hear from sponsors who submitted policy resolutions and have the opportunity to ask questions before they are voted on at the PLSC business meeting.

Mar. 2
9:00 am to 10:00 am

Transportation Policy Steering Committee – Resolutions Meeting

International Ballroom West, Concourse Level

Join the Transportation Steering Committee's Resolutions Meeting to discuss proposed policy resolutions related to the Transportation policy platform and hear a legislative and regulatory update. Members will hear from sponsors who submitted policy resolutions and have the opportunity to ask questions before they are voted on at the Transportation business meeting.

Mar. 2
9:00 am to 10:30 am

Agriculture and Rural Affairs Policy Steering Committee – Subcommittee Meeting

Georgetown East & West, Concourse Level

During the Subcommittee Meeting, the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee will focus on the 2020 Census and potential impacts on rural communities and populations. The U.S. Census Bureau plans to shift the majority of 2020 Census data collection to an online/digital format, with a goal of 55 percent of the U.S. population completing online census forms. Shifting data collection techniques may leave certain populations susceptible to exclusion, including rural areas and underserved urban communities. This session will examine the various programs under the U.S. Department of Agriculture that depend on accurate census data and the impacts this shift in data collection will have on rural counties.

Mar. 2
9:00 am to 11:00 am

Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee – Resolutions Meeting

Columbia 5 & 7, Terrace Level

Join the Environment, Energy and Land Use (EELU) Steering Committee's Resolutions Meeting as members will discuss proposed policy resolutions related to the EELU policy platform. Members will hear from sponsors who submitted policy resolutions and have the opportunity to ask questions before they are voted on at the EELU business meeting.

Mar. 2
9:00 am to 11:30 am

Health Policy Steering Committee – Joint Subcommittees Meetings

Lincoln West, Concourse Level

The Health Steering Committee will discuss legislation in the 116th Congress related to the use of health information technology and the role data can play in developing community based approaches to prevention, treatment and recovery for substance misuse. Members will also converse with federal officials about Medicaid waivers and how states and counties can use waivers to address health issues ranging from long-term care to mental health.

Mar. 2
9:00 am to 11:30 am

Human Services and Education Policy Steering Committee – Joint Subcommittee Meetings

Columbia 9 & 10, Terrace Level

Join the Human Services and Education (HSE) Steering Committee's Joint Subcommittees Meeting as we discuss the latest federal developments impacting human services programs at the county level. Committee members will be joined by officials from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Administration for Children and Families (ACF) to learn how counties and our federal partners may work together to help leverage federal resources to serve local residents.

Mar. 2
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Justice and Public Safety Policy Steering Committee – Morning Meeting

Columbia 6 & 8, Terrace Level

Committee members will hear from federal partners and policy experts on the latest developments in justice-related policy issues. Discussion topics include the outlook for implementation of the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) and the Second Chance Act (SCA) passed in the closing days of the 115th Congress. The committee will also review the federal outlook for criminal justice reform in the 116th Congress and hear from key staffers in both the House and Senate Judiciary Committee along with members of the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

Mar. 2
9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Finance, Pensions and Intergovernmental Affairs Policy Steering Committee Meeting

Lincoln East, Concourse Level

The Finance, Pensions and Intergovernmental Affairs (FPIGA) Steering Committee will discuss the outlook for key policy issues in the 116th Congress, including the status of tax-exempt municipal bonds, the State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction and the role of federalism in Congress. The committee will also hear an update on elections legislation and the potential for new funding for polling machines.

Mar. 2
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Community, Economic and Workforce Development Steering Committee – Subcommittees Meeting

Columbia 11 & 12, Terrace Level

NACo's three Community, Economic and Workforce Development Subcommittees will discuss policy issues impacting counties related to housing, economic and workforce development and hear from federal partners and policy experts on issues regarding funding and partnership opportunities.

Mar. 2
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Public Lands Policy Steering Committee – Subcommittee Meetings

International Ballroom East, Concourse Level

Public Lands Steering Committee (PLSC) members will learn about Placer County, California's efforts to collaborate with federal land managers on two forest management projects that will reduce the threat of wildfire to community safety and the local water supply. Members will have a roundtable discussion on the PLSC's advocacy efforts and policy positions regarding federal payments to public lands counties.

Mar. 2
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Transportation Policy Steering Committee – Subcommittee Meetings

International Ballroom West, Concourse Level

NACo's four Transportation Subcommittees will discuss federal policy issues related to transportation and infrastructure development, including federally-funded highway safety research, rail safety and efforts from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Mar. 2
10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Agriculture and Rural Affairs Policy Steering Committee – Business Meeting

Georgetown East & West, Terrace Level

Following the passage of a new five-year farm bill, the committee will examine new and modified programs under the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and how USDA plans to implement many of the new initiatives covered in the legislation. Committee members will discuss interim policy resolutions submitted to the committee, including an opportunity for members to ask questions about proposed resolutions before voting takes place.

Mar. 2
10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Audit Committee Meeting

Morgan, Lobby Level

Mar. 2
12:00 pm to 1:15 pm

Finance Standing Committee Meeting

Morgan, Lobby Level

Mar. 2
12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

Early Childhood Luncheon: Leading Local Efforts to Reach Young Children

Jefferson East & West, Concourse Level

Seating is first-come, first-served and limited to registered attendees.

Early childhood investments help to support a thriving community and positively impact children's outcomes that span into adulthood. Strong evidence shows that when counties invest in the first three years of a child's life, the returns for the community are the highest, and these investments can reduce the need for more expensive interventions later in an individual's life. Hear from an expert panel of county and national thought leaders about how counties are investing in young children and advancing early childhood policy, programs and systems.

This luncheon is made possible by the National Collaborative for Infants and Toddlers (NCIT), funded through the Pritzker Children's Initiative. We thank NCIT for their support.

Mar. 2
12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

Lunch Break (on your own)

Show your conference badge in the hotel restaurants during this time and enjoy 10% off your order. Offer valid only at the Washington Hilton from 12:00 p.m., ending 1:00 p.m.

Mar. 2
12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

Resilient Counties Luncheon: Addressing Ongoing and Emerging Threats Due to Adverse Weather Patterns

Columbia 3 & 4, Terrace Level

Seating is first-come, first-served and limited to registered attendees.

Adverse weather impacts counties' ability to protect residents and infrastructure. Over the past three years, on average 25 percent of all counties received at least one major presidential disaster declaration due to devastating wildfires, hurricanes, flooding, tornados or other natural disasters. Join the Resilient Counties Advisory Board and the Environment, Energy and Land Use Policy Steering Committee to discuss federal and local programs and policies available to help counties adapt to changing weather conditions.

This luncheon is made possible by the 2018 - 2019 Resilient Counties sponsors. Thank you to the Resilient Counties sponsors for their support.

Mar. 2
1:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Finance, Pensions and Intergovernmental Affairs Policy Steering Committee – Business Meeting

Lincoln East, Concourse Level

Committee members will hear from federal partners and policy experts on federal pension reform legislation and what the outlook for pension reform is in the 116th Congress and discuss and consider policy resolutions used to guide NACo's advocacy efforts before Congress, the White House and federal agencies.

Mar. 2
1:30 pm to 4:00 pm

NACCTFO: Creating an Ethical Culture

Tenleytown West, First Floor

Mar. 2
1:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Telecommunications and Technology Steering Committee Meeting

Georgetown East & West, Concourse Level

Members will hear from federal officials and policy experts on the latest telecommunications and technology federal policy issues. The steering committee will review upcoming legislation and regulations in the 116th Congress related to rural broadband, 5G mobile network deployment and broadband coverage mapping. Steering committee members will consider interim policy resolutions used to guide NACo's advocacy efforts before Congress, the White House and federal agencies.

Mar. 2
1:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Transportation Policy Steering Committee – Business Meeting

International Ballroom West, Concourse Level

Members will hear from federal officials and policy experts on the latest transportation federal policy issues facing counties. The steering committee will review the federal outlook for transportation issues in 2019, including potential legislation and regulations in the 116th Congress related to transportation infrastructure, the Highway Trust Fund, drones, and road and bridge safety. Steering committee members will consider interim policy resolutions used to guide NACo's advocacy efforts before Congress, the White House and federal agencies.

Mar. 2
1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Justice and Public Safety Policy Steering Committee – Afternoon Meeting

Columbia 6 & 8, Terrace Level

Committee members will hear from key federal partners on recent developments in public safety related policy issues. The committee will learn about implementation plans for the recently passed Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA), outlook for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and how to strengthen local safety and security through information and intelligence sharing and federal partnerships. Steering committee members will consider interim policy resolutions used to guide NACo's advocacy efforts before Congress, the White House and federal agencies.

Mar. 2
1:45 pm to 4:30 pm

Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee – Business Meeting

Columbia 5 & 7, Terrace Level

Members will hear from federal officials and policy experts on the latest environmental and energy federal policy issues. The steering committee will review the federal outlook for environment and energy issues in 2019, including potential legislation and regulations in the 116th Congress related to “Waters of the U.S.,” the National Flood Insurance Program, climate and renewable energy and China’s ban of recyclables. Steering committee members will also consider policy resolutions used to guide NACo’s advocacy efforts before Congress, the White House and federal agencies.

Mar. 2
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Public Lands Policy Steering Committee – Business Meeting

International Ballroom East, Concourse Level

Members will hear from federal officials and policy experts on the latest environmental public lands issues. The steering committee will review the federal outlook for public lands issues in 2019, including potential legislation and regulations in the 116th Congress related to county payments, active forest management, and opportunities to partner with federal agencies to accomplished shared goals on public lands. PLSC members will also consider policy resolutions used to guide NACo’s advocacy efforts before Congress, the White House and federal agencies.

Mar. 2
2:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Community, Economic and Workforce Development Steering Committee – Business Meeting

Columbia 11 & 12, Terrace Level

Members will hear from federal officials and Capitol Hill staff on the latest community, economic and workforce development federal policy and funding issues, including the latest on the FY 2020 appropriations process. CEWD Steering Committee members will vote on interim policy resolutions discussed during the morning resolutions meeting.

Mar. 2
2:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Health Policy Steering Committee – Business Meeting

Lincoln West, Concourse Level

Members will preview health legislation in the 116th Congress and discuss implementation of recent opioid legislation, with an emphasis on changes to the Medicaid and Medicare programs under the legislation. Health Committee members will also consider interim policy resolutions and have the opportunity to ask questions before voting on proposed measures.

<i>Mar. 2</i> 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm	Human Services and Education Policy Steering Committee – Business Meeting Columbia 9 & 10, Terrace Level Members will be joined by Capitol Hill staff to hear about the latest activity around human services policies and the outlook for the 116th Congress. Members will consider and vote on interim policy resolutions used to guide NACo's advocacy efforts before Congress, the White House and federal agencies. Members will hear from sponsors who have submitted interim resolutions and have the opportunity to ask questions before voting on proposed measures.
<i>Mar. 2</i> 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm	National Association of County Administrators (NACA) Executive Board Meeting Gunston East & West, Terrace Level
<i>Mar. 2</i> 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm	Pennsylvania Counties Caucus Rock Creek, First Floor
<i>Mar. 2</i> 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm	Policy Coordinating Committee Meeting #2 Kalorama, First Floor
<i>Mar. 2</i> 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	National Association of County Health Facilities (NACHFa) Annual Meeting Fairchild West, Terrace Level
<i>Mar. 2</i> 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Resorts, Tourism & Gateway Counties Working Group Meeting Morgan, Lobby Level
<i>Mar. 2</i> 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Colorado Caucus Shaw, First Floor <i>Invitation only</i>
<i>Mar. 2</i> 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Women of NACo (WON) Leadership Reception Tenleytown East, First Floor Business Casual

Sunday, March 3, 2019

<i>Mar. 3</i> 7:00 am to 8:00 am	Illinois State Association Breakfast Georgetown East & West, Concourse Level <i>Invitation only</i>
<i>Mar. 3</i> 7:00 am to 8:00 am	Non-Denominational Worship Service Columbia 2, Terrace Level
<i>Mar. 3</i> 7:00 am to 5:00 pm	Registration Open Columbia West, Terrace Level
<i>Mar. 3</i> 8:00 am to 9:30 am	Gulf States Counties and Parishes Caucus Columbia 11 & 12, Terrace Level Hear from policy experts on pressing federal issues impacting Gulf Coast counties and parishes. Members will receive a federal update on the National Flood Insurance Program and the proposed update to the Waters of the U.S. definition. Caucus members will also discuss federal legislative priorities and strategize for future GSCPC events and initiatives. Caucus membership is open to all NACo county and parish government officials from Texas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama and Florida.
<i>Mar. 3</i> 8:30 am to 10:00 am	Healthy Counties Advisory Board Meeting Columbia 9 & 10, Terrace Level Supporting youth development and well-being is critical to shaping individual futures and the future of counties, states and the nation. In a rapidly changing world, counties must be innovative and strategic in preventing substance use and abuse among youth populations. Join a dynamic conversation that explores best practices and emerging strategies counties are employing to engage and educate youth and new approaches to leveraging partnerships and resources.
<i>Mar. 3</i> 8:30 am to 2:00 pm	National Association of County Engineers (NACE) Executive Committee Meeting Piscataway, Lobby Level
<i>Mar. 3</i> 9:30 am to 11:00 am	GIS Subcommittee Meeting Columbia 3 & 4, Terrace Level

Mar. 3
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC) Meeting

International Ballroom East, Concourse Level

NACo's Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC) is the premier national forum for the exchange of ideas and solutions that help urban counties address their most pressing issues. The LUCC meeting at NACo's 2019 Legislative Conference will feature conversations with federal officials and national leaders on topics including homelessness, healthcare and international trade. All urban county officials are welcome to attend; table seating is reserved for LUCC Steering Committee members.

Mar. 3
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

National Association of County Human Services Administrators (NACHSA)

Holmead, Lobby Level

Mar. 3
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Rural Action Caucus (RAC) Meeting

International Ballroom West, Concourse Level

Access to affordable high-speed internet has been widely recognized as essential to the ability to compete in today's economy. NACo's Rural Action Caucus (RAC) will sharpen its focus on ensuring federal data collection efforts are fully representative of vulnerable populations, and appropriate levels of affordable broadband access are accessible to America's critical communities. The Rural Action Caucus will be launching an initiative – Bridging the Economic Divide – which will focus on the nexus of these two issues.

Mar. 3
11:00 am to 12:00 pm

IT Standing Committee Meeting

Columbia 3 & 4, Terrace Level

Mar. 3
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

County Cannabis Roundtable

Columbia 11 & 12, Terrace Level

Mar. 3
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Tax-Efficient Planning Opportunities - Sponsored by Nationwide Retirement Solutions

Shaw, First Floor

Most investors saving for retirement do so by saving through 401ks, 403bs and other tax-deferred accounts – though a lucky few still have pensions. With all this tax-deferred income, clients may find themselves with a hefty tax bill or in a higher tax bracket when they withdraw income, especially at age 70 ½. We'll talk about planning opportunities to reduce the impact of taxes on your client's retirement income, like Net Unrealized Appreciation, HSAs, Roth Conversion and Qualified Charitable Deductions and sequencing case studies that demonstrate how the order of withdrawals can impact the longevity of a retirement income plan.

- Mar. 3*
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
WIR Executive Committee & U.S. Forest Service Lunch
Northwest, Lobby Level
- Mar. 3*
12:00 pm to 1:30 pm
Membership Standing Committee Meeting
Lincoln East, Concourse Level
- Mar. 3*
12:30 pm to 3:00 pm
National Association of Black County Officials (NABCO)/National Organization of Black County Officials (NOBCO) Meeting
Columbia 5 & 7, Terrace Level
- Mar. 3*
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
National Association of County Intergovernmental Relations Officers (NACIRO) Business Meeting
Columbia 6 & 8, Terrace Level
- Mar. 3*
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
Revitalizing Community Through the Arts: A Meeting of the Arts & Culture Commission
Georgetown East & West, Concourse Level
- This meeting will explore how counties are using the arts and culture to revitalize their communities and activate public spaces.
- The [Creative Counties Forum](#) will meet in this room immediately following this meeting from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.*
- Mar. 3*
1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
International Economic Development Task Force Meeting
International Ballroom East, Concourse Level
- As shifts in U.S. trade policy ripple across the global economy, county governments and their residents feel the impacts on the ground. This session will feature a conversation with the Brookings Institution on the recent tariffs implemented in 2018 and other important changes to U.S. trade policy, with a special focus on how county leaders can continue to encourage international economic development within their county economies. SelectUSA will also join the meeting to give an update on the latest services it has to offer county leaders. Hosted by the International Economic Development Task Force, this session is open to all conference attendees.

Mar. 3
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Veterans and Military Services Committee Meeting

International Ballroom West, Concourse Level

County governments play a critical role as public service providers for America's citizens, including millions of veterans. NACo's Veterans and Military Services Committee provides a forum for county leaders – many of whom are members of military families or veterans themselves – to discuss how counties can work with each other and with our state, federal and local partners to address various issues facing our nation's veterans and ensure we are providing them the best possible services to meet their unique needs.

Mar. 3
1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Defined Contribution and Retirement (DCR) Advisory Committee Meeting

Rock Creek, First Floor

This committee serves as an advocate for counties across the country and their employees with the mission of ensuring that counties have access to a deferred compensation program that remains competitive, is of the highest quality and meets the individual financial and retirement goals of county employees.

Mar. 3
1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Western Interstate Region (WIR) Board of Directors Meeting

Tenleytown East & West, First Floor

The Western Interstate Region (WIR) is dedicated to the promotion of Western interests within NACo. Its membership consists of fifteen Western states, (Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah and Washington).

WIR Members will receive a federal update from the U.S. Forest Service on their efforts to implement new forest management authorities. Members will also get the latest news on efforts to modernize the Endangered Species Act and strategize for future WIR events and initiatives.

Mar. 3
1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

National Association of County Civil Attorneys (NACCA) Meeting

Morgan, Lobby Level

Mar. 3
1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Programs and Services Committee Meeting

Columbia 3 & 4, Terrace Level

Learn about NACo's portfolio of grants from foundations and federal agencies, receive an update on NACo's Leadership Academy and hear the latest about the new membership engagement strategy. The Committee will also be joined by the Council on Foundations to learn more about current trends and how counties can expand relationships with local and national funders.

Mar. 3
1:45 pm to 3:15 pm

State Association Meeting Planners Meeting

Columbia 2, Terrace Level

Mar. 3
2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Immigration Reform Task Force Meeting

Columbia 11 & 12, Terrace Level

Members of NACo's Immigration Reform Task Force (IRTF) will discuss how federal immigration issues impact local workforce needs in various industries and how the current federal immigration system impacts the availability of a legal workforce. Additionally, Task Force members will also discuss next steps for the immigration consensus principles and avenues for advocacy within NACo's policy steering committees.

Mar. 3
2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

National Association of County LGBTQ Leaders & Allies

Lincoln East, Concourse Level

Mar. 3
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Creative Counties Forum

Georgetown East & West, Concourse Level

The Creative Counties Forum will be an open conversation on broad trends and useful resources in creative placemaking – or the integration of arts and culture into community revitalization work. The Forum will feature a panel of creative placemaking experts, a “world café” with the NACo Creative Counties teams to discuss their successes and lessons learned as they have engaged in this work and an in-depth open discussion on using the arts to solve local challenges.

Registration is not required, but please complete [this one-minute form](#) if you plan to attend to help us track numbers. The [NACo Arts and Culture Commission](#) will meet in the same room immediately prior to the Forum from 1:00 – 2:00pm.

Mar. 3
2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Environment, Energy and Land Use Policy Steering Committee: Parks, Open Space and Trails Subcommittee (Inaugural) Meeting

Columbia 6 & 8, Terrace Level

Mar. 3
3:00 pm to 4:45 pm

State Association Deputy Directors and Staff Meeting

Columbia 9 & 10, Terrace Level

Mar. 3
3:00 pm to 5:30 pm

National Association of County Administrator's (NACA) Idea Exchange

Gunston East & West, Terrace Level

Mar. 3
3:15 pm to 4:30 pm

North Carolina Association of Black County Officials (NCABCO)

Fairchild East & West, Terrace Level

<i>Mar. 3</i> 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm	NACo Board Forum Jefferson East & West, Concourse Level
<i>Mar. 3</i> 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm	NACo Next Generation Network Business Meeting Holmead, Lobby Level Join a network of new and newly elected county officials and learn about NACo's unique resources for the next generation of county leaders and opportunities to engage with NACo.
<i>Mar. 3</i> 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Alabama Delegates Caucus & Reception Kalorama, Lobby Level <i>Invitation only</i>
<i>Mar. 3</i> 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO) Board Meeting Oak Lawn, Lobby Level
<i>Mar. 3</i> 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	North Carolina Caucus Columbia 5 & 7, Terrace Level
<i>Mar. 3</i> 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	National Association of County Behavioral Health & Developmental Disability Directors (NACBHDD) Reception Shaw, First Floor
<i>Mar. 3</i> 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm	Florida Delegates Reception Rock Creek, First Floor
<i>Mar. 3</i> 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm	National Association of County Administrators (NACA) Reception Fairchild East & West, Terrace Level <i>Invitation only</i>
<i>Mar. 3</i> 5:45 pm to 6:45 pm	NACo Next Generation Network / County Leadership Institute (CLI) / High Performance Leadership Academy Reception Morgan, Lobby Level

Monday, March 4, 2019

<i>Mar. 4</i> 7:00 am to 5:00 pm	Registration Open Columbia West, Terrace Level
<i>Mar. 4</i> 7:30 am to 8:30 am	Central Region Caucus Meeting Columbia 5 & 7, Terrace Level
<i>Mar. 4</i> 7:30 am to 8:30 am	Northeast Region Caucus Meeting Columbia 6 & 8, Terrace Level
<i>Mar. 4</i> 7:30 am to 8:30 am	South Region Caucus Meeting Columbia 11 & 12, Terrace Level
<i>Mar. 4</i> 7:30 am to 8:30 am	West Region Caucus Meeting Columbia 9 & 10, Terrace Level
<i>Mar. 4</i> 8:00 am to 12:00 pm	Meet and Greet with Federal Agency Representatives Concourse Foyer, Concourse Level Join us for coffee with representatives from several federal agencies to ask questions and discuss how they can work with your county. <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Federal Communications Commission■ U.S. Census Bureau■ U.S. Department of Energy■ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services■ U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration■ U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs■ U.S. Economic Development Administration
<i>Mar. 4</i> 9:00 am to 10:30 am	General Session International Ballroom, Concourse Level
<i>Mar. 4</i> 10:00 am to 12:00 pm	National Council of County Association Executives (NCCAE) Business Meeting Tenleytown West, First Floor

Mar. 4
10:30 am to 4:30 pm

Leadership Symposium

Fairchild West, Terrace Level

Dr. Martín Carcasson, founder and director of the Colorado State University Center for Public Deliberation, and innovative facilitators from 4Forward lead an interactive, in-depth symposium on resident engagement. Learn the foundational social psychology and decision-making science behind building consensus, then put theory into practice with an interactive session on strategies to overcome your county's greatest challenges.

Mar. 4
10:45 am to 11:45 am

Connecting Federal and County Systems of Care

Columbia 9 & 10, Terrace Level

Counties are exploring and implementing innovative approaches to delivering health and human services critical to breaking cycles of poverty. Hear from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and county leaders on their efforts to promote collaboration across health and human services systems, improve outcomes for residents and lead them on a path towards employment and self-sufficiency.

Mar. 4
10:45 am to 11:45 am

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP BLOCK #1

Mar. 4
10:45 am to 11:45 am

Making Sense of New Federal Funding Tools: Opportunity Zones and Pay for Success

Columbia 5 & 7, Terrace Level

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 included provisions to incentivize results-driven investments in economic development in communities across the country. Join this interactive workshop to learn more about Opportunity Zones and the Social Impact Partnerships to Pay for Results Act (SIPPRA) and what counties need to do to access and leverage these new funding streams.

Mar. 4
10:45 am to 11:45 am

New Revenue on the Horizon: Collections via Online Sales Tax and Tax Refund Intercept

Columbia 6 & 8, Terrace Level

In June 2018, the U.S. Supreme Court ended the "physical presence" standard for sales tax collection, allowing states and counties to begin collecting existing taxes on online and remote sales. Additionally, NACo has partnered with state associations of counties to develop a program to intercept tax refunds from individuals who have not paid certified delinquent debts owed to county governments. In this workshop, hear experts talk about the approaches different states are taking to these new opportunities, including a discussion on potential future federal action and court cases.

Mar. 4
10:45 am to 11:45 am

Outlook for Federal Policy Issues in the 116th Congress

Columbia 11 & 12, Terrace Level

Join the NACo legislative team for a rapid-fire discussion on the top issues facing counties, including health care, entitlement reform, transportation and infrastructure, public lands management and payments, environmental regulations and much more.

Mar. 4
10:45 am to 11:45 am

Reimagining County Behavioral Health Crisis Response Systems and Policies

Lincoln East, Concourse Level

Without alternatives to jails and emergency rooms, law enforcement and other first responders have few options for diverting people who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis. NACo is partnering with Arnold Ventures to improve America's crisis response system through the Data-Driven Justice project. This workshop presents engagement strategies counties are using to build regional and state support to redesign crisis response systems and link people with mental illnesses and/or substance use disorders to places where they are most likely to receive effective treatment.

Mar. 4
10:45 am to 11:45 am

Smarter Counties Summit Session 1: Bridging the Digital Divide

Columbia 3 & 4, Terrace Level

From foundational middle-mile investments in underserved communities to changes in local zoning authority for next-generation telecommunications infrastructure, this session examines how rural and urban counties are bridging the digital divide while meeting the challenges of rapid growth in telecommunications.

Mar. 4
11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Credentials Committee Meeting

Oak Lawn, Lobby Level

Mar. 4
12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

Attendee Luncheon

International Ballroom, Concourse Level

Join your colleagues at this fun luncheon and enjoy a performance by the illustrious Capitol Steps. This one-of-a-kind troupe began as a group of Senate staffers who set out to satirize the very people and places that employed them. Although not all of the current performers are former Hill staffers, taken together, they have worked in a total of 18 congressional offices and represent more than six decades of House and Senate staff experience.

Mar. 4
1:45 pm to 3:00 pm

Backstage Pass: Behind the Scenes of Congressional Decision Making

Columbia 11 & 12, Terrace Level

Many Americans believe that federal lawmakers are unreachable – that they don't care about what constituents think and that influencing legislative outcomes is impossible and a waste of time. Yet research shows that members of Congress strongly believe that constituents are a valuable and informative resource in the decision-making process. Your "backstage pass" dispels myths about Congress and provides practical strategies on how decisions are really made and by whom.

Mar. 4
1:45 pm to 3:00 pm

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP BLOCK #2

Mar. 4
1:45 pm to 3:00 pm

National Council of County Association Executives (NCCAE) Continuing Education Workshop

Tenleytown West, First Floor

Mar. 4
1:45 pm to 3:00 pm

Power of Data: Enhance Your Advocacy with the New County Explorer Tool

Lincoln East, Concourse Level

NACo's County Explorer tool provides easy access to the latest available county-level data, with hundreds of indicators across categories ranging from county administration to all manner of policy issues, including transportation and infrastructure, health and many others. NACo staff unveil an all-new and improved version of County Explorer, optimized for functionality on mobile platforms and suitable for use by expert and novice users. Join this interactive session and learn to leverage county data in your advocacy efforts.

Mar. 4
1:45 pm to 3:00 pm

Smarter Counties Summit Session 2: Borrowing From the Tech Industry: How to Improve Services and Customer Experiences with Design Thinking

Columbia 3 & 4, Terrace Level

This workshop uses "design thinking," a user-centered approach to technology solutions, to give county leaders practice strategies to improve access to effective social services for vulnerable residents.

Mar. 4
1:45 pm to 3:00 pm

Understanding FEMA's New Policy Guidelines Before Disasters Hit

Columbia 6 & 8, Terrace Level

This session discusses imminent pre-hazard mitigation rule changes following the passage of the Disaster Recovery Relief Act, including funding eligibility and potential codes and standards requirements. In this workshop, FEMA will outline the questions county officials should ask their staff and give tips on applying for grants under the new FEMA guidelines. The workshop will also highlight successful county-led hazard mitigation projects and exemplary local policy examples.

Mar. 4
1:45 pm to 3:00 pm

Upcoming Supreme Court Cases Hold Consequences for Counties

Columbia 5 & 7, Terrace Level

The U.S. Supreme Court has two new justices and a docket of cases relevant to counties. This session covers several First Amendment cases, including a case involving an enormous cross on county property, a cemetery takings case against a county and employment and police cases, plus a discussion of how the addition of Justices Kavanaugh and Gorsuch will change the Court.

Mar. 4
1:45 pm to 4:30 pm

NACo Board of Directors Meeting

Jefferson East & West, Concourse Level

Mar. 4
3:15 pm to 4:30 pm

Coming to You Soon? Emerging Trends in State Legislatures

Georgetown East & West, Concourse Level

State governments have a significant impact on the operations of counties, and states across the country are legislating on similar issues state to state. Join us for a discussion of how states are tackling pressing county priorities like property taxes, 5G and elections, and how federal action could change the landscape for states and counties alike.

Mar. 4
3:15 pm to 4:30 pm

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP BLOCK #3

Mar. 4
3:15 pm to 4:30 pm

How Elections Shift Power in Congress: Identifying and Building Relations in a New Congress

Columbia 11 & 12, Terrace Level

A new Congress means new committee and subcommittee chairs, new alliances and significant changes in the political terrain on Capitol Hill. When power shifts in Congress from one political party to the other, an advocate who may have been represented by an anonymous backbencher the year before might become the conduit to the most important legislator for your cause. This presentation shows advocates how to build relationships with new members of Congress, the value of identifying key committee chairs (and why some are more important than others) and research on best practices for building relationships with new lawmakers back home.

Mar. 4
3:15 pm to 4:30 pm

How Evolving Cash Bail Policy Could Impact Your County

Columbia 9 & 10, Terrace Level

This workshop updates attendees on litigation and legislative changes to pretrial reform and examines challenges and success in counties that have eliminated monetary bail. Following several recent federal court decisions, states and counties across the country are requiring or experimenting with eliminating cash bail.

Mar. 4
3:15 pm to 4:30 pm

Maximizing Employee Performance by Managing Employee Experience

Columbia 5 & 7, Terrace Level

Employee experience is the key driver of personal achievement, team performance and organizational effectiveness and the linchpin to sustained value. Are you creating employee experiences that leverage talent and realize optimal performance? Join Dr. Tim Rahschulte for a session that forecasts actionable insights and best practices to drive individual engagement and organizational performance. Learn how to drive commitment, connection and care with your employees.

Mar. 4
3:15 pm to 4:30 pm

Smarter Counties Summit Session 3: Borrowing from the Tech Industry: How to Improve Services and Customer Experiences with Design Thinking (continued)

Columbia 3 & 4, Terrace Level

This workshop uses "design thinking," a user-centered approach to technology solutions, to give county leaders practice strategies to improve access to effective social services for vulnerable residents.

Mar. 4
3:15 pm to 4:30 pm

Strengthening Your County's Fiscal Fitness

Columbia 6 & 8, Terrace Level

Join this session to learn more about the role of county finance officers vs. the role of county electeds, and learn how to bridge the gap between CFOs and the county board. This session includes best practices on county financial policies, including debt, pensions and transparency.

Mar. 4
4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

California County Caucus

Lincoln East, Concourse Level

Invitation only

Mar. 4
5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

National Association of County Planners (NACP) Meeting

Morgan, Lobby Level

Mar. 4
5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

NCRCO (National Council of Republican County Officials) Business Meeting

Holmead, Lobby Level

Mar. 4
5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Oregon Caucus Meeting

Shaw, First Floor Level

Invitation only

Mar. 4
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Minnesota Delegation Caucus

Tenleytown East, First Floor Level

Invitation only

Mar. 4
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

National Democratic County Officials (NDCO) Reception

Kalorama, Lobby Level

Mar. 4
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

New Mexico Counties Reception

Northwest, Lobby Level

Invitation only

Mar. 4 **National Conference of Republican County Officials (NCRCO) Reception**
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Jay, Lobby Level

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Mar. 5 **National Democratic County Officials (NDCO) Board Meeting**
7:00 am to 8:00 am
Tenleytown East, First Floor Level

Mar. 5 **Registration Open**
7:00 am to 1:00 pm
Columbia West, Terrace Level

Mar. 5 **Wisconsin Counties Association/WisPolitics.com Breakfast Caucus**
7:30 am to 9:00 am
Holmead, Lobby Level
Invitation only

Mar. 5 **Advancing Civility in the County Workplace**
8:00 am to 9:15 am
Columbia 11 & 12, Terrace Level

Incivility in the workplace isn't just disruptive – it's a productivity and engagement killer that costs organizations millions of dollars annually, drives employee departures and can even cause stress-related illnesses. Why is it so common – and how do you combat it? Join Dr. Christopher Kilmartin, former professor of psychology at The University of Mary Washington and internationally-recognized expert on diversity and inclusion, to learn about the surprising sources of incivility in the workplace and how you can impact your workplace culture in powerful ways.

Mar. 5 **Building a Skilled Workforce for the Future**
8:00 am to 9:15 am
Columbia 9 & 10, Terrace Level

Learn how workforce boards can use the flexibility of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) to rethink workforce policies and invest resources to create a future-forward workforce system, while hearing best practice examples from both urban and rural counties and regions.

Mar. 5 **EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP BLOCK #4**
8:00 am to 9:15 am

Mar. 5
8:00 am to 9:15 am

Finding Better Solutions: Supporting People with Mental Illness Awaiting Trial

Columbia 5 & 7, Terrace Level

National experts discuss how states have changed policies to allow for community-based competency restoration and reduced wait times and reliance on state hospital beds for people detained pending competency restoration. Learn how county leaders have addressed the challenge of reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails and the impact on county jail populations and individual outcomes, and how federal legislators are attempting to address the issue nationally.

Mar. 5
8:00 am to 9:15 am

Repaving the Federal Permitting Process

Columbia 3 & 4, Terrace Level

In 2018, the Trump Administration announced efforts to streamline the federal permitting process, with the goal of capping reviews for new projects at a total of two years. Agencies engaged in this effort are involved in projects ranging from water infrastructure to roads and ditches to public transit. Join this workshop to learn more about how counties can benefit from federal streamlining efforts.

Mar. 5
9:30 am to 11:45 am

General Session

International Ballroom, Concourse Level

Mar. 5
12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

CIO Forum (RSVP required)

Columbia 6 & 8, Terrace Level

The CIO Forum provides an opportunity for county CIOs and technology officials to learn about the latest technology programs and engage with NACo Premier Corporate members. The 2019 CIO Forum will focus on cybersecurity, telecommunications infrastructure, disaster planning and recovery and cloud storage.

RSVPs are required. Please RSVP when registering for the conference. To check your RSVP status or submit an RSVP if you are already registered, please contact nacomeetings@naco.org

Mar. 5
12:30 pm

Conference-Wide Photo Op on Capitol Steps

Ulysses S. Grant Memorial, U.S. Capitol Grounds

Say cheese! All conference participants are encouraged to join us at the Capitol for a group photo. **Transportation from the Washington Hilton to the Capitol will be available immediately following the General Session. Busses depart from the Terrace Level entrance.**

Mar. 5
12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

Capitol Hill Briefing: Transforming Policy and Practice at the Local Level: The County Role in Building Well-Being from the Ground Up

Room: HVC-200, U.S. Capitol Visitors Center

When it comes to helping residents stay healthy and live well, counties are the cornerstone to creating communities built on human potential. Through innovation and integration of programs, counties work to ensure that residents have access to services they need to thrive. Join us in highlighting how counties are implementing new approaches to delivering health and human services and help us engage members of Congress and staff on the important role counties play in serving our communities.

The Capitol Hill briefings and press conference are open to all and not associated with the conference registration fee.

Mar. 5
1:00 pm to 2:15 pm

Dealing with Difficult Topics and Stakeholders

Columbia 11 & 12, Terrace Level

Elected officials are faced with difficult topics, conflicting solutions, and multiple stakeholders every day. Do you have the skills to successfully negotiate solutions? This seminar examines the art and science behind finding consensus and explores methods and strategies to address challenging public issues.

Mar. 5
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Capitol Hill Briefing: Fixing the FAST Act: The Road to a Surface Transportation Reauthorization in the 116th Congress

Room 1300, Longworth House Office Building

As Congress considers reauthorizing a federal surface transportation bill, county priorities must be adequately addressed given their stake as substantial owners of roads (46 percent) and bridges (38 percent) across the country. Join this Hill briefing to hear from county leaders about the unique infrastructure challenges local governments face and learn more about how the federal government can implement public policy to improve and update our national transportation infrastructure system.

The Capitol Hill briefings and press conference are open to all and not associated with the conference registration fee.

Mar. 5
3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Press Conference: PILT and Secure Rural Schools

House Triangle, U.S. Capitol Building

Join public lands county officials and Members of Congress on Capitol Hill for a press conference in support of full, mandatory funding of Payments In-Lieu of Taxes and a long-term solution for the Secure Rural Schools program.

Capitol Hill briefings and press conferences are open to all and are not associated with the conference registration fee.

Mar. 5
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Capitol Hill Briefing: Reimagining Health Care in County Jails

Restaurant, Side Room, Cafeteria North, U.S. Capitol Visitors Center

Across the country, more than 11.4 million individuals are admitted into 2,785 county-operated jails every year. Counties are responsible for the health care of individuals when they are in jail awaiting trial, and often shoulder a substantial financial burden for providing care, even if an individual is eligible for Medicaid, veterans' health benefits or other federal health coverage. Join county leaders at this briefing on the role of counties in providing health services in jails.

The Capitol Hill briefings and press conference are open to all and not associated with the conference registration fee.

Mar. 5
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

NACo President's Reception

International Ballroom, Concourse Level

It's Fat Tuesday! Bring your beads and connect with fellow conference attendees over Mardi Gras themed drinks and heavy hors-d'oeuvres at our closing networking reception. Whatever you do, don't forget to put on your dancing shoes for your favorite conference band, No Bad Ju Ju and stop and get a photograph with mascot Slapshot of the reigning Stanley Cup champions, the Washington Capitals.

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

Mar. 6
8:00 am to 3:00 pm

NACo Open House & Luggage Storage

660 North Capitol Street NW

Need a place to put your luggage while on the Hill? Please bring it to the lobby of the first-floor conference center at NACo HQ and ask for a tour of our headquarters, your office away from home!

Mar. 6
8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Capitol Hill Visits

Advocate for county priorities at the federal level by scheduling appointments on Capitol Hill. Engage policymakers, staff members and leadership, and let them know that federal policies matter to counties, and counties matter to America.

Mar. 6
8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Rural Action Caucus (RAC) Day of Action

RAC members are invited to participate in the annual "RAC Day of Action" immediately following NACo's 2019 Legislative Conference. Members will meet with key federal agencies and administration officials to discuss census data collection and broadband connectivity in rural counties.