

## NACo

### Caucuses, Policy Steering Committees, Ad Hoc Committees & Task Forces

#### Caucuses

##### **Large Urban County Caucus**

The National Association of Counties (NACo) Large Urban County Caucus, or “LUCC,” is the premier forum for urban county leaders and is the voice for America’s metropolitan counties before Congress and the Administration. Comprised of county executives, governing board members and other senior elected officials, LUCC members focus on urban challenges and solutions, engage in peer-to-peer information exchanges, inform national policy discussions.

-Charlotte County is not members of this committee (determined by population)

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##### **Rural Action Caucus**

NACo's Rural Action Caucus (RAC) is a key component of NACo. RAC is the voice for America's rural counties before Congress and the Administration. Nearly two-thirds of the nation's 3,069 counties are designated as rural, with a combined population of 60 million.

County elected officials from these rural areas are dedicated to solving many critical issues impacting rural life and development. These include infrastructure development, broadband deployment, development of new rural clinics and hospitals, road and bridge construction and maintenance, business development opportunities and many more county responsibilities.

Since 1997, NACo's Rural Action Caucus has addressed critical federal, state and local issues.

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## **Policy Steering Committees**

### **Agriculture & Rural Affairs Steering Committee**

Responsible for all matters pertaining to USDA agriculture, rural development programs, rural renewable energy development, research and extension, food safety, and conservation programs.

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### **Community, Economic & Workforce Development Steering Committee**

Responsible for all matters pertaining to housing, community and economic development, public works, and workforce development including the creation of affordable housing and housing options for different populations, residential, commercial, and industrial development, and building and housing codes.

#### **NACo Committee Staff:**

Daria Daniel

Associate Legislative Director – Community, Economic & Workforce Development

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### **Environment, Energy & Land Use Steering Committee**

Responsible for all matters pertaining to air, water, energy, and land use, including water resources/management, stormwater, pesticides, air quality standards, solid, hazardous, and nuclear waste handling, transport, and disposal, national energy policy, renewable/alternative energy, alternative fuel vehicles, energy facility siting, electricity utility restructuring, pipeline safety, oil spills, superfund/brownfields, eminent domain, land use, coastal management, oceans, parks and recreation.

#### **NACo Committee Staff:**

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Associate Legislative Director – Environment, Energy & Land Use

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### **Finance, Pensions & Intergovernmental Affairs Steering Committee**

All matters pertaining to the financial resources of counties, fiscal management, federal assistance, municipal borrowing, county revenues, federal budget, federal tax reform, elections and Native American issues.

#### NACo Committee Staff:

Jack Peterson

Associate Legislative Director – Finance, Pensions and Intergovernmental Affairs

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### **Health Steering Committee (Commissioner Constance, Vice Chair)**

All matters pertaining to public health and healthy communities, including disease and injury prevention and health promotion, health disparities reduction, financing delivering health care.

#### NACo Committee Staff:

Brian Bowden

Associate Legislative Director – Health

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### **Human Services & Education Steering Committee**

All matters pertaining to children's issues, foster care, public assistance and income support, services to senior citizens and individuals with disabilities, immigration policy, social services, and elementary, secondary and post-secondary education.

#### NACo Committee Staff:

Eryn Hurley

Associate Legislative Director – Human Services and Education

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### **Justice & Public Safety Steering Committee (Commissioner Truex, Vice Chair)**

All matters pertaining to criminal justice and public safety systems, including criminal justice planning, law enforcement, courts, corrections, homeland security, community crime prevention, juvenile justice and delinquency prevention, emergency management, fire prevention and control, and civil disturbances.

NACo Committee Staff:

Hadi Sedigh

Associate Legislative Director – Justice & Public Safety

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**Public Lands Steering Committee**

All matters relating to federally-owned public lands including federal land management programs, natural resource revenue sharing payments, payments in lieu of taxes, and property tax immunity concerns.

NACo Committee Staff:

Jonathan Shuffield

Associate Legislative Director – Public Lands and Liaison to the Western Interstate Region

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**Telecommunication & Technology Steering Committee**

All matters pertaining to telecommunications and technology policy, including, but not limited to, the county role as a telecommunications regulator, service provider, and consumer, cable services technology and implementation, information technology development and implementation, information technology innovation, e-governance, and geo-spatial data collection and utilization.

NACo Committee Staff:

Jacob Terrell

Associate Legislative Director – Telecommunications & Technology

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**Transportation Steering Committee**

Responsible for all matters pertaining to federal transportation legislation, funding and regulation and its impacts on county government. This includes highway and bridge development, finance and safety, public transit development and finance, transportation planning, airport development and service, passenger and freight railroads, ports and waterways, freight movement, and research and development of new modes of transportation.

NACo Committee Staff: TBD

## **Committees, Task Forces and Advisory Boards**

### **Arts & Culture Commission**

The NACo Arts and Culture Commission demonstrates how the arts can be used by county officials to promote economic development and provide solutions to many of the challenges that they face, through workshop sessions, field trips, special publications, and its annual Arts & Culture awards, which recognize counties that work to foster an environment where arts can thrive to create more livable communities. Counties invest in the arts as a means to improve their economies, enrich American cultural and intellectual life, build more aesthetically pleasing communities, promote lifelong learning, protect national heritage and historic preservation and help children succeed, to name a few.

#### **NACo Committee Staff:**

Jenna Moran, Program Manager for Resilience

Jay Dick, Senior Director of State and Local Government Affairs, Americans for the Arts

Linda Langston, Director of Strategic Relations

### **Resilient Counties Advisory Board**

The Resilient Counties initiative is governed by the Resilient Counties Advisory Board, which advises NACo on the development and implementation of the organization's resiliency and sustainability programs. The Advisory Board is made up of leaders from both county government and private organizations, and provides input to ensure that NACo's resiliency programming is timely, innovative and meets the greatest needs of the nation's 3,069 counties.

#### **NACo Committee Staff:**

Jenna Moran, Program Manager for Resilience

Jack Morgan, Program Manager for Community and Economic Development

### **Healthy Counties Advisory Board (Commissioner Constance, Member)**

NACo's Healthy Counties is guided by the Healthy Counties Advisory Board, which is comprised of county officials and staff who are health leaders at NACo and corporate partners. The public/private Healthy Counties Advisory Board assists NACo in identifying the priorities and activities of the Healthy Counties Initiative and provides input and expertise on program implementation.

#### **NACo Committee Staff:**

Maeghan Gilmore, Program Director, Health, Human Services and Justice

Michelle Price, Associate Program Director for Health

Blaire Bryant, Health Program Manager

### **International Economic Development Task Force (Commissioner Truex, Member)**

This task force facilitates the exchange of information, ideas and resources, and guides NACo programming, concerning county-level engagement in international economic development activities.

#### NACo Committee Staff:

Jonathan Harris, Research Analyst

### **Veterans and Military Service Committee (Commissioner Truex, Member)**

This committee engages NACo and its members to develop and highlight county best practices and policies to promote innovative programs, services and benefits for our nation's military, veterans and their families.

#### NACo Committee Staff:

Austin Igleheart, Legislative Associate

### **Immigration Reform Task Force (Commissioner Truex, Chair)**

NACo's Immigration Reform Task Force provides a forum for county officials from across the nation to discuss immigration and its impact on local governments. Although the Task Force does not vote on, or set, policy, it advises NACo's policy steering committees on immigration matters and engages on these matters with federal agencies and coalition partners.

#### NACo Committee Staff:

Hadi Sedigh, Associate Legislative Director – Justice & Public Safety

## **Standing Committees**

### **Finance Standing Committee**

The Finance Standing Committee advises the Officers on the annual budget of the association before it is presented to the Board of Directors and provides oversight on other financial issues as directed by the Officers.

### **Information Technology Standing Committee (Commissioner Constance, Chair)**

The Information Technology Standing Committee advises the Officers on information technology issues and provides oversight on NACo information technology projects.

#### NACo Committee Staff:

Jeff Morningstar, Chief Information Officer

**Membership Standing Committee (Commissioner Constance, Vice Chair)**

The Membership Standing Committee actively recruits and retains member counties, parishes and boroughs in order to increase NACo's total membership.

NACo Committee Staff:

Kim Hall, Member Engagement Manager

**Programs and Services Standing Committee (Commissioner Truex, member)**

The Programs and Services Committee advises the NACo Officers and the board of directors regarding the development and evaluation of NACo programs and services for NACo members.