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ADD YOUR VOICE TO THE CONVERSATION.
JOIN A COMMITTEE TODAY.

NACo COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT

Inform key decision-makers and help drive federal policy, solve local challenges, exchange new ideas, save time and money, connect with your peers, all in one hour a month.

- Over 30 committees, caucuses, task forces and advisory boards
- Approximately 1-hour time commitment per month
- All county elected officials & staff of member counties, parishes and boroughs can apply
- Apply for and join a committee as a member any time throughout the year
- Monthly meetings are held virtually except for in-person meetings held during our Annual and Legislative Conferences
- Attendance at in-person meetings is NOT required
- Interact with federal partners to discuss issues of importance to your county
- Committee terms run for 1 year from July to July

NACo POLICY PROCESS

Members like you make this process work! Talk to your state association about serving on a NACo policy steering committee today!



[NACo.org/advocacy](https://nacoo.org/advocacy)

Serving on any of NACo's 10 policy steering committees gives you a direct role in shaping our advocacy agenda.

POLICY STEERING COMMITTEES

Access a seat at the table and add your voice and expertise on the most important issues counties, parishes and boroughs face.

Policy Steering committees drive NACo's federal policy advocacy. Their recommendations ensure that federal policies and legislation support local decision-making, prevent unfunded mandates and provide federal investments in county priorities.

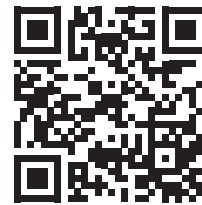
Chair and vice chair applications must be submitted through naco.org/presidential_appointments portal. Applications open at our Legislative Conference until late spring.

Presidential appointments are announced at the Annual Business Meeting in July.

To apply for a steering committee, send an email to your state association executive.

You can only serve on one steering committee per year. Please indicate your first and second choices.

No more than two individuals from the same county and eight individuals from the same state can serve on the same steering committee.



To learn more about steering committees, visit naco.org/getinvolved



Resolutions often use input from the Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC), the Rural Action Caucus (RAC) and other county leaders.

NACo's Board of Directors reviews and acts on resolutions. Approved resolutions are submitted to the membership at the NACo Annual Conference. Adopted resolutions become NACo's American County Platform.



NACo staff and members continually advance the American County Platform to each branch of the federal government.



NACo POLICY STEERING COMMITTEES INCLUDE:

Agricultural and Rural Affairs

Topics include: USDA agriculture, rural development programs, rural renewable energy development, research and extension, food safety and conservation programs

Community, Economic and Workforce Development

Topics include: housing (including affordable housing), community and economic development, public works and workforce development

Environment, Energy and Land Use

Topics include: water management, stormwater, air quality standards, hazardous waste handling, national energy policy, pipeline safety, brownfields and coastal management

Finance, Pensions and Intergovernmental Affairs

Topics include: financial management, municipal borrowing, county revenues, pensions, the federal budget, federal tax reform, the census and elections

Health

Topics include: public health, health financing, Medicaid, Medicare, long-term care, behavioral health services, substance abuse prevention and treatment

Human Services and Education

Topics include: foster care, public assistance programs, senior citizen and disability services, immigration policy, social services and education



Justice and Public Safety

Topics include: law enforcement, courts, corrections, homeland security, community crime prevention, juvenile justice and emergency management

Public Lands

Topics include: federal land management programs, natural resource revenue sharing payments, payments in lieu of taxes and property tax immunity concerns

Telecommunications and Technology

Topics include: broadband, telecommunications and technology policies and the county role as a regulator, service provider and consumer

Transportation

Topics include: highway and bridge development and safety, public transit development, airport development, railroads, ports and waterways and freight movement

STANDING COMMITTEES, TASK FORCES, CAUCUSES & ADVISORY BOARDS

Work side-by-side with leaders across the country to foster innovative programs and services that build stronger counties, parishes and boroughs.

To apply for a standing committee, task force, caucus or advisory board, send an email with your committee preferences to committee@naco.org.

Chair and vice chair applications must be submitted before the NACo Annual Conference through: naco.org/presidential_appointments.

Check your e-mail and County News for information on when committee applications open each spring.



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Arts and Culture Commission

Art and Culture exist in every county. This commission explores innovative ways to promote economic development and address other challenges where art and culture can play a powerful role.

Healthy Counties Advisory Board

Every county is impacted by the health of its residents. This board facilitates collaboration with county leaders to share positive approaches to pressing health issues.

IT Standing Committee

Staying current on information technology issues is a never ending challenge. Your vision and oversight will help drive IT projects that keep counties on the edge of innovation.

Programs and Services Committee

Is NACo providing the right resources and opportunities for members? With your help, we can enhance and develop the kinds of programs and services county governments need most. This committee advises NACo officers and Board of Directors on the development and evaluation of programs and services for its members.

Rural Action Caucus (RAC)

While rural counties face similar critical issues that other counties face, the details are different. You can add your county perspective to issues like infrastructure, broadband, rural health, business development and more.

Membership Standing Committee

Share your enthusiasm on the value you, your county and your residents receive through your NACo membership. Your insights and input drive recruitment, retention and engagement for every member—and future member of the NACo family.



Resilient Counties Advisory Board

No county is immune to social and economic stresses, sustainability challenges, and disaster management. You can help create and implement programs that help all counties strengthen responses to these challenges and prepare for the future.

Veterans and Military Services Committee

No one deserves our thanks and support more than our military veterans. When you serve on this committee, you'll drive best practices and innovative programs, services and benefits for veterans, their families and the community.

International Economic Development Task Force

What happens in Oxford, England might have an impact on Oxford County, Maine. That's the reality of 21st century America. You can help us exchange information and ideas that can drive international economic development.

Large Urban County Caucus (LUCC)

Join fellow county leaders and work to identify and develop solutions for the unique challenges urban counties face every day. LUCC is the premier forum for America's metropolitan leaders to engage in peer-to-peer information exchanges, solve urban challenges and inform national policy discussions.

Immigration Reform Task Force




Border counties aren't the only ones focused on immigration reform. This task force is a forum where you can discuss immigration issues and engage with federal agencies and coalition partners to work toward solutions.

Next Generation Network

We all want to become better leaders and support the professional growth of our colleagues. It's an important part of strengthening counties for the future. This committee helps drive and implement networking, educational and professional development opportunities across the NACo member base.



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