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### **County Leaders Will Discuss Strategies & Economic Growth Opportunities at MACo Summer Conference**

Annapolis, MD (06/26/2015) – MACo's Summer Conference is an annual event where county elected officials, county staff, state and federal officials, and business representatives convene to study best practices in local governance and explore partnerships through which to better serve the people of Maryland. Local government officials make attending the MACo Summer Conference a priority because they gain knowledge and understanding of the most important local government issues and they are able to share ideas and find solutions to challenges at home.

The 2015 MACo Summer Conference will be held August 12-15 at the Roland Powell Convention Center in Ocean City, Maryland. The theme of the 2015 conference is "Energize. Capitalize. Mobilize." focusing on being proactive about today's economy. This conference is about the challenges county governments can address, the actions they can take, and the strengths they can leverage to achieve the best gains for Maryland's counties and citizens. Participants will learn about the current economy from the local government perspective, how they can foster economic growth and improve the business climate, and the strategic partners available at all levels of government so that they can work together to make significant strides towards a healthier economic outlook for Maryland.

MACo's 2015 President, Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett, expressed his thoughts about the Summer Conference: "I look forward to seeing public officials, staff, and interested persons from across our great state at the MACo Summer Conference," said MACo President and Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett. "This will be a great opportunity to make, renew and deepen our connections in order to better address the challenges and the opportunities the future will bring."

Participants have access to 35 educational sessions, covering issues on infrastructure, public safety, budget, education, planning, management, development, and many more. The conference offers attendees the chance to hear from experts to learn from their experiences and insights.

In addition to the educational sessions, MACo hosts over 250 exhibit booths and numerous meetings, government briefings, and meal events. The conference schedule, descriptions of the educational sessions, and a listing of confirmed exhibitors can be found at [www.mdcounties.org/MACoCon](http://www.mdcounties.org/MACoCon).

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**About the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo):** MACo is a non-profit and non-partisan organization that serves Maryland county governments by articulating their needs and ideas to the Maryland General Assembly. The Association's membership is composed of county elected officials and representatives from Maryland's 23 counties and Baltimore City. MACo's members determine Association policy and positions on executive and legislative proposals through an elected Board of Directors and Legislative Committee. Through MACo's advocacy, training, education programs, and annual conferences, members are provided with endless opportunities to improve their capacity to serve their residents.

More information and conference program updates are provided at [www.mdcounties.org](http://www.mdcounties.org).

**Note to Members of the Press:** You are invited to attend the conference. You may obtain press materials via [www.mdcounties.org/SC15PressRegistration](http://www.mdcounties.org/SC15PressRegistration).