

NACo Committees

Policies: Only eight individuals (elected officials or county professionals) from any state (including up to two from any one county) can serve on a particular committee.

Contact: Nicolette Querry, nquerry@mdcounties.org, 410.269.0043

Policy Steering Committees

AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS -

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

COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT -

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.

ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & LAND USE -

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.

Current Member: Gregg Todd, County Administrator, Queen Anne's

FINANCE, PENSIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS -

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

Current Member: Alysoun McLaughlin, Deputy Election Director, Montgomery County

HEALTH -

Responsible for all matters pertaining to public health and healthy communities, including disease and injury prevention, health disparities reduction, health financing, health insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, long-term care, behavioral health services, substance abuse prevention and treatment.

Current Member: Roger Harrell, Health Officer, Dorchester County

HUMAN SERVICES & EDUCATION -

Responsible for 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.

JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY -

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

PUBLIC LANDS -

Responsible for all matters pertaining 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.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY -

Responsible for all matters pertaining to telecommunications and technology policy, including the county role as a telecommunications regulator, service provider, and consumer.

Current Member: Hans Riemer, Council Member, Montgomery County

TRANSPORTATION -

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.

Current Member: Sharon Green Middleton, Council Member, Baltimore City

CAUCUSES ADDRESS KEY COUNTY ISSUES

LARGE URBAN COUNTY CAUCUS -

LUCC is a bipartisan coalition of elected county executives and board members from counties with more than 500,000 population. LUCC members work together to identify urban challenges, provide input in developing pragmatic national solutions, and implement grassroots programs that improve their communities.

RURAL ACTION CAUCUS -

RAC is the voice for America's rural counties before Congress and the Administration. County elected officials from rural areas are dedicated to solving many critical issues impacting rural life and development, including 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.

COMMITTEES, TASK FORCES AND ADVISORY BOARDS

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION -

The 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 and special publications.

Current Member: Rhonda Dallas, Executive Director, Prince George's County Arts & Humanities Council

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.

HEALTHY COUNTIES ADVISORY BOARD -

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.

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE -

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

VETERANS AND MILITARY SERVICE COMMITTEE -

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.

IMMIGRATION REFORM TASK FORCE -

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.