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Arizona State Visit

On April 11, CSG West conducted its annual state visit to the Arizona State Legislature. The visit took place during the last month of the legislative session. As part of the visit, CSG West, in conjunction with House Speaker Pro Tempore T.J. Shope, hosted a luncheon for lawmakers to provide information about key regional programs and services, as well as two national initiatives - The Justice Center's State Analysis on Public Safety and Elections & Cybersecurity.

Marshall Clement, CSG Justice Center's Director of State Initiatives, provided lawmakers an overview of the Center's recently published Arizona Workbook that contains information of historical trends and data comparisons related to crime, arrests, recidivism and correctional population. The purpose of the workbook is to provide policy-makers data-driven analysis to better inform public safety strategies. State specific workbooks can be viewed [here](#). Members attending the luncheon were very interested in the Arizona findings in the report and expressed interest in working closely with staff of the Justice Center.

Kamanzi Kalisa, CSG's Director of the Overseas Voting Initiative, provided a brief summary of the organization's election and cybersecurity efforts. This included a recently established partnership with [The Democracy Fund](#) to create an advisory group of state and local officials and cybersecurity and election experts who will help guide CSG's work in this area. This will include hosting a consortium this year on election structures and developing incident response communication protocols for election cybersecurity breaches. Mr. Kalisa also provided information about the [Civics Education Tool-Kit](#) that is designed to assist policy-makers in their mission to improve state civics education. The Tool-Kit provides an overview of the challenges facing states in providing effective civics education, as well as useful methods and examples for government leaders across the three branches of state government.

In addition to the luncheon, CSG West staff met with individual legislators and legislative leaders to inform them of upcoming programs, including the CSG West Annual Meeting in Snowbird, as well as services offered by CSG at the regional and national levels.