

Make a Difference

Add your voice to the conversation. Join a committee today.



NACo Committee Involvement

Make a difference for every county in America.

NACo members like you can inform national policy and help solve problems by leading and serving on 31 committees, caucuses, task forces, and advisory boards—with only a one-hour commitment per month.

ACCESS:

You have a seat at the table when you serve on a committee. That means you can inform key decision-makers and help drive federal policy, solve universal challenges, share and learn about new ideas, and help all counties build safer, healthier, more vibrant communities.

ENGAGE:

Any elected or appointed officials and county staff of NACo member counties, boroughs and parishes can join a committee. From agriculture and health to justice reform and veteran services, the opportunities to make a personal impact on issues you care about is what committee engagement is all about.

NETWORK:

What better way to network than with other members who share a passion for the same issues? And it doesn't stop there. Members have an opportunity to tap the extensive networks of our committee liaison staff, and beyond professional networking, members have made great friends, as well.

SAVE:

What you learn on a committee can save your county time in addressing key challenges. And that saves money – money you don't spend trying to figure it out on your own.

SUCCEED:

You want to make a difference. It's the reason you serve in county government. Committees offer the ideal way to do just that. And at the end of the day, making a difference for your county and every other county, borough and parish in America helps us all succeed.

Standing Committees, Task Forces, Advisory Boards & Caucuses – drive specific programs and projects relevant to all counties

Submit applications to NACo staff at committee@naco.org

Policy Steering Committees – create and drive federal policy and advocacy

Submit applications to your state association of counties

- Approximately 1-hour time commitment per month.
- Committee terms run for 1 year from July to July. All county elected officials & staff can apply.
- Chair and vice chair applications must be submitted before the NACo Annual Conference through naco.org/presidential_appointments.
- Presidential appointments are announced at the Annual Business Meeting in July.
- You may apply for and join a committee throughout the year but you'll need to re-apply for the following committee term.
- Other than in-person meetings held during our Annual and Legislative Conferences, monthly meetings are held virtually.

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, submit the orange application 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.

For more information about committees, visit naco.org/getinvolved

Arts and Culture Commission

Art and Culture exist in every county. This commission works to find 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. If you are a health advocate, you can collaborate with county leaders to share innovative 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 have 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, ME. 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 a premium 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. Your work on this committee will help drive and implement networking, educational and professional development opportunities across the NACo member base.



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

To apply for a steering committee, submit the blue application to your state association of counties for approval by the executive director.

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

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

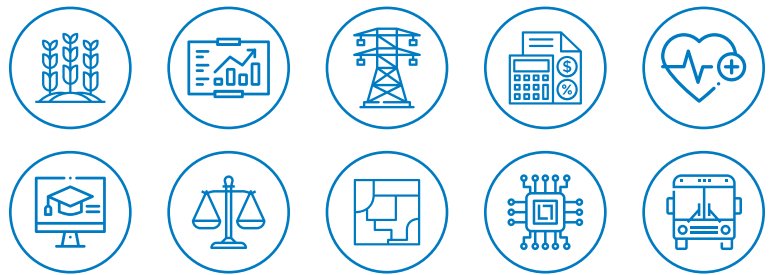
Transportation

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



NACo Federal Policy Process

NACo's federal policy priorities are set by members like you and collectively, we work to achieve them throughout the year.



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



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.

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://www.naco.org/advocacy)

2021-2022 Committee Application Form

This application is for standing committees, task forces, advisory boards and caucuses only. It must be submitted before the NACo Annual Conference to: **committee@naco.org**. Committee terms are for one year from July to July.

You may apply for and join a committee as a member during the year. Members are required to reapply each committee term.

Standing Committees, Task Forces, Advisory Boards & Caucuses

Check all that you wish to apply for.

- ☐ Large Urban County Caucus
- ☐ Rural Action Caucus
- ☐ Arts And Culture Commission
- ☐ Healthy Counties Advisory Board
- ☐ Immigration Reform Task Force
- ☐ Information Technology Standing Committee
- ☐ International Economic Development Task Force
- ☐ Membership Standing Committee
- ☐ Programs And Services Standing Committee
- ☐ Resilient Counties Advisory Board
- ☐ Veterans And Military Services Committee

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FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

SUFFIX

JOB TITLE

COUNTY

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CITY

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PHONE NUMBER

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EMAIL

FACEBOOK

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1. If an elected official, date county term expires: _____ / _____

2. How long have you held this office? _____ Years

3. Political Affiliation: ☐ Republican ☐ Democrat ☐ Independent ☐ Other

4. Are you available to attend all committee meetings? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5. Have you ever served on a NACo steering committee? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(List Committees Here)

Return this form to NACo at **committee@naco.org**. If you have any questions about getting involved, please call us at 888.407.NACo (6226) or email **committee@naco.org**.

2021-2022 Policy Steering Committee Nomination Form

This NACo policy steering committee nomination form should be completed and sent to the executive director of your state association of counties. You may only serve on ONE policy steering committee each year, so please indicate your first and second choice. Contact NACo staff for questions at committee@naco.org.

Committee terms are for one year from July to July.

You may apply for and join a committee during the year. Members must reapply each committee term.

Only eight individuals from any state and two from any one county can serve on a given committee.

Naco Policy Steering Committees

Please indicate your first and second choices.

- ☐ Agriculture & Rural Affairs
- ☐ Community, Economic & Workforce Development
- ☐ Environment, Energy & Land Use
- ☐ Finance, Pensions And Intergovernmental Affairs
- ☐ Health
- ☐ Human Services & Education
- ☐ Justice & Public Safety
- ☐ Public Lands
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1. If an elected official, date county term expires: _____ / _____

2. How long have you held this office? _____ Years

3. Political Affiliation: ☐ Republican ☐ Democrat ☐ Independent ☐ Other

4. Are you reasonably free to travel? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5. Have you ever served on a NACo steering committee? ☐ Yes ☐ No

To Be Signed By The Executive Director Of Your State Association

The State Association President and NACo Board Members from the state concur with this nomination.

SIGNATURE

DATE

My County. My NACo.

ACCESS • ENGAGE • NETWORK • SAVE • SUCCEED



Stronger Federal
Policy



Better
Leaders



Healthier
Residents



Shared
Solutions



Lower Cost
Prescriptions



Lasting
Friendships



Growing
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Engaged
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