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CSA'S PURPOSE

The CSA is a non-partisan forum for Arizona's 61 county supervisors to address important issues facing local constituents, to provide a mechanism to share information, and to advance a proactive state and federal policy agenda.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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Angela Ruffalo, Intern

CORE GOALS

- Protect and enhance county authorities and resources in order to promote efficient, responsive constituent services.
- Develop and disseminate information to assist state and local decision-making.

CORE CAPABILITIES

CSA capabilities leveraged by:

- *County Supervisors*
- *County Managers*
- *Legislative Affairs Staff*
- *Technical Experts*
- *Affiliate Organizations*



STRATEGIES

- Advance a proactive policy agenda
- Leverage statewide county supervisor lobbying force
- Develop legislative champions statewide
- Support membership via outreach and specialized support
- Identify, prioritize and develop information products to assist state and local decision-making
- Retain and develop a talented, knowledgeable workforce
- Maintain a fiscally efficient, service-oriented organization

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Select Outcomes, Information Products, and Support Services

Advocacy & Policy Development

12th CSA Legislative Policy Summit hosted by Coconino County

- 21 proposals analyzed for consideration
- 7 CSA bills introduced; 1 signed into law
- 4 financial priorities pursued: 4 achieved in full or in part

Advocated for county interests in state budget, achieving the following:

- Secured \$19.6 million in financial relief for the counties in FY2017, including:
 - Achieved a one-year \$8 million cost reduction on county payments to AZ Department of Juvenile Corrections
 - Secured additional \$10 million in Highway User Revenue Funds in FY2017. This allocation is now on-going
 - Expanded by \$1.65 million the county in-lieu lottery appropriation (now \$7.2 million), providing \$550,050 to each of the 13 smallest counties
- Attached “flexibility” language, expenditure limitation exemption to county issues in state budget
- Secured additional “flexibility” authority for 12 smallest counties
- Coordinated successful county opposition to Executive-proposed cost shift re: university bonding

Defeated or favorably amended 24 bills problematic for county operations, including proposals that:

- Severely limited in-house maintenance and construction capability
- Restricted county intergovernmental agreement authority
- Mandated costly, duplicative reporting requirements
- Capped fees on mandated occupational licenses
- Changed distribution of TPT revenues
- Pre-empted local control over firearm policy
- Banned county ownership of lodging facilities and mandated divestiture
- Shifted costs to counties of certain mental health transportation services
- Required county involvement in fire district regulatory processes
- Massively reduced the property assessments on greenhouses
- Formed a special interest district in unincorporated areas
- Limited flexibility regarding pension amortization
- Preempted local control over permitting of wireless facilities
- Modified formation and oversight of community facilities districts
- Required board of supervisors oversight of certain RICO expenditures

Engaged, briefed lawmakers and staff on county issues, Including:

- Facilitated/prepared content for CSA leadership meetings with the Governor and Senate/House Majority/Minority leadership
- Regularly communicated with Governor’s Office policy staff
- Regularly briefed House/Senate Majority/Minority leadership & staff
- Regularly briefed members of the legislature
- Testified before House Appropriations sub-committees
- Hosted “Effective Engagement with State Lawmakers” webinar
- Hosted “County 101” briefing for legislative research staff
- Presented State/County nexus to ASU’s, AZ Legislative Academy Orientation
- Provided support for supervisors participating in AACo LPC
- Represented county interests in legislative workgroups & stakeholder processes on the following:
 - CORP reform legislation
 - PSPRS reform implementation and legislative clean-up
 - PTSD presumptions
 - Directed care for public insurers
 - Home-based businesses
 - Adult justice reform
 - Juvenile justice reform
 - Legislative study group on “Prosperity Districts”
 - Utility and wireless providers: micro cell deployment
 - Major tax-payer outreach: APS, SRP, and ATRA
 - Prime contracting reform
 - Groundwater mitigation public procurement processes
 - Transportation of mentally ill patients in court-ordered evaluation

Engaged state agencies to promote county interests, Including:

- Facilitated Auditor General IT Control Training
- Facilitated input to ADEQ MS4 stormwater rule update
- Supported ADWR Planning Area Process: La Paz & Mohave counties
- Engaged Legislative Council on quality control for U.S. Census Bureau Redistricting Data Program
- Provided input for AOC Court Security Rule
- Arizona Management System, focus groups: ADOR, ADOT, ADWR
- Department of Corrections plan re: inmates facing additional charges

CSA appointments/committees:

- Governor’s Water Augmentation Council
- Arizona Corporation Commission Water Emergency Team
- Arizona Supreme Court’s Commission on Technology
- PSPRS Board of Trustees
- PSPRS Advisory Committee
- Constable Ethics, Standards, & Training Board
- ADOC Juvenile Detention Regionalization Taskforce



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Research & Information Documents

- CSA County Government Internship Program
- 2017 Legislative Session Preview
- Overview of the State Budget Situation
- County Priorities: 2017 Legislative Session
- 2017 County Budget Priorities *Pocket Guide*
- Counties 101: Roles & Responsibilities of County Government presentation
- Effective Engagement with State Lawmakers Presentation
- 2017 Legislative Summary
- 2017 Session in Review: Briefing to the Board of Directors
- Analyses of FY2017 state budget proposals:
 - FY2017 Budget Analysis
 - FY2017 Baseline and Executive Comparison
 - FY2017 Budget Analysis (several variations)
 - Aggregate State Impacts
 - FY2017 State Impacts to Counties spreadsheet
 - County Flexibility Language in 2016-17 State Budget
- FY2017 County Revenue/Expenditure Report
- County Budget and Audit Guide 2017
- Revenue distribution information
 - HURF distribution flow diagram
 - TPT revenue sharing flow diagram
 - VLT revenue sharing flow diagram
 - Sales tax collection update
- Public Lands Briefing Book:
 - PILT payments & acreage
 - NACo PILT information
 - Public lands research
- CSA Brochure: "What We Do & Why it Matters"
- CSA Board of Directors Membership Poster
- CSA Board of Directors Contact Sheet
- County Encyclopedia, Vol. 3
- County Posting Requirements
- Surveys:
 - EORP Salary Survey December-January
 - Prop 206 Impact Survey
 - Justice of the Peace Survey
 - Juvenile Detention Regionalization Task Force Cost Survey
 - HURF/VLT Transportation Survey
 - Clerk of the Court Budget Survey
 - Assisting County Engineers with update of Roadway Needs Study

Media, Communication & Outreach

- Provided counties with letters, resolutions, & press releases regarding:
 - County legislative priorities 2017
 - Resolution 1-16: Urging state leaders to increase state and local investment in transportation infrastructure
 - Urging federal action to fund PILT
- Ongoing social media presence with regular postings:
 - Twitter: 736 followers, 78,600 impressions
 - Facebook: 164 follower likes
- Coordinated media availability & briefed reporter, Rebekah L. Sanders, on CSA issues, helping generate media coverage
 - "Arizona Counties in Crisis After a Decade of State Funding Sweeps", *The Arizona Republic*, 4.20.2017
 - "Counties Still on Edge Financially, But State Offers Some Relief", *The Arizona Republic*, 5.8.2017
- Issued over 25 press releases
- CSA Legislative Update, weekly e-newsletter
- Weekly LPC Reports, distributed to full membership
- Regular Action Alerts & Session Updates (as needed)
- Web platform: www.countysupervisors.org
- Established sponsorship partnerships with 38 businesses
- Hosted 2017 Legislators & Supervisors Reception, attended by 50 state legislators
- Facilitated "County Government Month" & procured proclamation from governor
- State of the State & Opening Session: January 9, 2017

Federal Advocacy & Policy Development

- Lobbied AZ congressional delegation regarding:
 - Support of the Four Forest Restoration Initiative
 - Continuation of Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Program
 - Reauthorization of Secure Rural Schools & Community Self-Determination Act (SRS)
 - Opposition to EPA rule change re: definition of Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) under Clean Water Act
 - Support for increased State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) funding
- Coordinated 15-county mobilization urging support of PILT reauthorization
- Provided policy briefings to board on LWCF, SCAAP, WOTUS, and the Federal Budget
- Conducted County Federal Issues Survey
- U.S. Senators & Supervisors Breakfast, Co-sponsor
- Arizona/Mexico Commission Congressional Border Briefing



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NACo Engagement

- Hosted The Honorable Greg Cox, NACo Second Vice President
- Hosted Paul Beddoe, NACo Deputy Legislative Director
- Participated in NACo Knowledge Management Forum
- Presented "Arizona Issues" to NACo Western Caucus
- Facilitated/supported member participation in NACo
- Advocated appointment of 38 members to NACo
- CSA NACo Board Representative Supervisor Manny Ruiz
- Supported WIR Board Representative Supervisor Tommie Martin
- Supported WIR Board Alternate Supervisor Liz Archuleta
- Nominated Supervisor Steve Gallardo (Maricopa) for NACo County Leadership Institute
- Supported members with NACo credentials process
- Supported members participating in NACo Steering Committees
- Arizona Caucus Reception, Co-sponsor
- Western Interstate Region, *Ex Officio*
- Strengthened research collaboration with NACo

Informing County Leaders

- Hosted New Supervisor Orientation, attended by 24 elected officials. Topics included:
 - Leadership as a Supervisor
 - Open Meeting Law 101
 - Public Records Law
 - County Governance Authority
 - Working with the Media
 - Risk Management and Workers Compensation
- CSA hosted over 100 county meetings to support its membership
- Prepared content/briefing materials for the following:
 - 9 Board of Directors meetings
 - 11 County Managers Association meetings
 - 12 Legislative Policy Committee meetings
 - 15 County Outreach Presentations to the Boards of Supervisors
- Guest presentations included:
 - Hon. Michele Reagan, Arizona Secretary of State
 - Hon. Greg Cox, NACo Second Vice President
 - Paul Beddoe, NACo Deputy Legislative Director
 - Joe Kelroy, Office of the Courts Juvenile Justice Division
 - Buchanan Davis, Senator Jeff Flake's Outreach Officer
 - Rhett Larson, ASU Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law
 - Andrew LeFevre, AZ Criminal Justice System
 - Cindy DeLancey, UofA Natural Resources Users Law & Policy Center

- Hon. Jeff Flake, U.S. Senator
- Richard Stavneak, JLBC
- Hon. Scott Bales, Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court
- Kristine FireThunder, Governor's Office of Tribal Relations
- Jason Baran, Salt River Project
- Barry Drost, Major Projects, Navajo Generating Station
- Linda Lind, AZ State Liaison to the U.S. Forest Service
- Neil Bosworth, Tonto National Forest Supervisor
- Heather Procencio, Kaibab National Forest Supervisor
- Mark Masterson, AZ Department of Education (ADE)
- Milan Eaton, ADE E-Rate Director for Schools
- Hon. Paul Peterson, Maricopa County Assessor
- Kurt Maurer, AZ Governor's Office, AZ Management System
- Floyd Roehrich, Jr., PE, ADOT
- Tom Betlach, AHCCCS
- Paul Galdys, AHCCCS
- Hon. Tim Carter, Yavapai County Superintendent
- Debbie Davenport, AZ Auditor General
- Jared Smout, PSPRS Administrator
- Dean Scheinert, PSPRS Board of Trustees
- Dave Byers, Director, Administrative Office of the Courts
- Hunter Moore, AZ Governor's Office Policy Advisor
- Rosalyn Boxer, Work Force Development, AZ Office of Economic Opportunity
- Matt Clark, AZ Governor's Office Local Government Liaison
- Mara Mellstrom, AZ Governor's Office Policy Advisor
- Tony Sissons, Research Advisors Services
- Kevin Tunell, Yuma County Communications Director
- Provided legislative briefings to the following:
 - County Supervisors Association Board of Directors
 - County Managers/Administrators Association
 - AZ County Planners Association
 - ACIP Public Practice Legal Seminar
 - AZ County Finance Officers Organization
 - AZ City/County Management Association, Winter/Summer Conferences
 - AZ Association of County Engineers
 - AZ County Director of Environmental Health Services Association
 - AZ Civil Deputy Attorneys Association
 - AZ County Clerks Association
 - AZ Local Health Officials Association
 - Gila Valley Leadership
 - Government Finance Officers of Arizona, Winter/Summer Meetings

