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## 2016 Election: Primary Election on August 30

The 2016 Primary Election takes place next Tuesday on August 30.

One U.S. Senate seat and all nine congressional seats are up for grabs, as are the 90 state legislative seats and all 61 county supervisor positions.

Please click on the following links for the candidate lists:

- Senate & Congressional Races
- <u>County Supervisor Races</u>
- State Legislative Races

For more information on the 2016 elections, please click here.

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## JLBC Monthly Fiscal Highlights

This week, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) released the monthly fiscal highlights for July, the first month of the new fiscal year. Total General Fund collections in July totaled \$660.4 million, \$(42.2) million below July 2015 and \$(15.8) million below the budget forecast. July follows up the disappointing collections in June which were also below forecast. The primary culprits in the



The poor performance of the income tax categories was partially offset by a healthy sales tax growth. Sales tax collections in July totaled \$17.2 million, a 4.9 percent increase over July 2015, and \$7.9 million over forecast. This is a good piece of news for the sales tax collections which, other than the June numbers, has seen slow growth over the past fiscal year.

Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) collections continue to be a bright spot with July collections totaling \$118.7 million, a 5.8 percent increase over July 2015, and \$4.5 million above forecast.

For more information on July General Fund Revenues, please <u>click here</u>.

For more information on HURF Monthly Revenue Trends, please click here.

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## CSA on the Road



Each year after the legislative session ends, CSA staff travels the state to meet with county supervisors and professional staff.

The remaining schedule is as follows:

2016 CSA OUTREACH SCHEDULE		
Date	County	Time
September 19	Maricopa County	10:00 a.m.
*Scheduling additional counties in the coming weeks.		

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## This Week in Arizona History...

On August 26, 1893, a Phoenix court reporter, located in Maricopa County, invented and applied for the patent on a center space bar for typewriters which would be operated by the thumb.

This important change revolutionized typing throughout the world.



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## Register Now: 2016 DEMA Preparedness Symposium



The 2016 Preparedness Symposium will be held Wednesday, September 21, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sheraton Crescent Hotel in Phoenix. The Symposium will explore emergency preparedness challenges and opportunities in Arizona, and help develop an inclusive approach to reducing the impact of disasters on people, property and the environment.

The Symposium will focus on cooperation, camaraderie and open conversation around three main topics:

- 1. Empowering Arizonans to prepare and support our diverse populations
- 2. Understanding the complexities of cyber and/or counter terrorism
- 3. Protecting Arizona's natural resources

How to register:

- Free to attend
- Register now at <u>Eventbrite</u>
- RSVP no later than September 14

For more information, please click here.

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## **Upcoming NACo Webinar**

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar and interactive discussion series:

#### County Official's Role in Reforming Criminal Justice Fines and Fees

This two-part series on county official's role in reforming criminal justice fines and fees will explore the administration and enforcement of criminal justice fines and fees. The first of this two-part series is a <u>webinar</u> where experts will discuss the latest research and data around the issue and county leaders will discuss how they have eliminated or reduced fines and fees and implemented new policies and practices to hold people accountable for minor infractions to reduce incarceration rates, reduce costs and increase individual success and compliance with justice requirements. The second part of the series will be an <u>interactive virtual discussion</u> with the presenters to dive deeper into their strategies and allow participants to ask questions. Participants are encouraged to register and attend both parts of the series.

#### Webinar: County Official's Role in Reforming Criminal Justice Fines and Fees

- Date: Thursday, September 15, 2016
- Time: 2pm 3pm EDT
- Register Here

#### Interactive Discussion: County Official's Role in Reforming Criminal Justice Fines and Fees

- Date: Thursday, September 29, 2016
- Time: 2pm 3pm EDT
- Register Here

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