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10th Annual CSA Legislative Reception



On Wednesday evening, January 17, county supervisors and elected officials from across the state were joined by nearly 50 state legislators to honor the state and county partnership at the annual CSA Legislative Reception. Supervisors were delighted to see so many legislators expressing their commitment to counties throughout the state.

CSA President and Pinal County Supervisor Anthony Smith expressed his appreciation for all those who attended, "In our positions as both legislators and county officials, we are partners in serving the same people, the citizens of Arizona. We are grateful to the legislators and elected officials who work with us on issues important to the constituents of our state."

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Arizona Attorney General Addresses County Supervisors

During the January CSA Board of Directors meeting, Attorney General Mark Brnovich spoke with the board on a number of issues including the continuing national and state opioid crisis. He discussed the ongoing efforts of the Attorney General's office to work through both criminal and civil procedures to combat the distribution of excess opioids throughout the state. Attorney General Brnovich also indicated his strong support for increasing public



awareness of the issue - mainly through educational campaigns regarding the dangers of drug use. To accomplish this, he urged all levels of government to devote needed resources to the crisis.

To learn more about the Attorney General's office, please click [here](#).

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House Appropriations Subcommittee Hears Presentation on County Priorities

On Tuesday, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Welfare heard presentations on county funding and the Department of Revenue. Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) staff presented an overview of the JLBC baseline budget and executive budget recommendations on both issues, with the county funding presentation focusing on the revenues that counties receive from the state.



Craig Sullivan, CSA's Executive Director, briefed the committee members on county priorities including: eliminating recession era state cost shifts to counties, addressing the Elected Officials Retirement Plan (EORP) crisis, and continuing to provide in-lieu lottery funds and county flexibility language. At the end of the presentations, the committee members discussed a number of issues, including the current state cost shift to counties to partially pay for the Department of Juvenile Corrections.

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Maricopa County Appoints New State Senator for LD 21

This week, the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors appointed Rick Gray, as the new State Senator for Legislative District 21. Senator Gray will replace former Senator Debbie Lesko, who stepped aside to run for an open U.S. Congressional seat. District 21 encompasses much of northwest Maricopa County including Peoria, El Mirage, and Sun City. Senator Gray used to serve as a State Representative in Legislative District 21, including time as the House Majority Whip and Chairperson of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. He is currently a small business owner.



"Rick knows his way around the Capitol" said District 4 Supervisor Clint Hickman, whose supervisorial district encompasses the legislative district. "As the House Majority Whip, he had experience building relationships and pushing through an agenda to benefit District 21 and the entire state. I'm confident he'll take what he learned and represent the Northwest Valley well in the Senate."

"I've been serving this community ever since I moved here in 2006, whether in the legislature, on community boards, or in other roles" Senator Gray said. "I look at this appointment as a continuation of that service, and I'm grateful for the opportunity."

As required by law, the Board selected Senator Gray from a list of three candidates submitted by the Legislative District 21 Precinct Committeemen. Senator Gray will serve through 2018.

Source: Maricopa County

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Legislative Session Snapshot

The 53rd Legislature, Second Regular Session marks its 12th day of the legislative session today. As of today 727 bills and 41 memorials/resolutions have been introduced. This number will increase exponentially as the legislature has not introduced fewer than 900 bills since 1993. Though, in 2017 1,079 bills were introduced, which was a significant decrease from the 1,247 bills that were introduced in the 2016 legislative session.

To view important dates for the legislative session, please click on the following links:

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CSA Legislative Update

The status of CSA's legislative agenda package is as follows:

- 1) [HB 2190 county improvement districts; repayment agreements](#) (*Mitchell*)-will be heard in the House Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Committee on Tuesday, January 23, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 3.
- 2) [HB 2274 county contributions; hospitalization; medical; repeal](#) (*Thorpe*) –referred to House Appropriations.
- 3) [HB 2413 public road maintenance; primitive designation](#) (*Cook*)-referred to House Local & International Affairs.
- 4) [HB 2415 juvenile dependency proceedings fund](#) (*Cobb*)
- 5) [SB 1038 state land payments; payment method](#) (*Griffin*)-passed Senate Natural Resources, Energy & Water, will be heard in Senate Rules on Monday, January 22, at 1:30 p.m. in Senate Caucus Room 1.
- 6) [SB 1113 zoning violations; notice; service](#) (*Fann*)-will be heard in the Senate Government Committee on Wednesday, January 24, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 109.
- 7) Folder #1316 Transient Lodging Tax (*Borrelli*)
- 8) Super Majority to Levy County Excise Taxes

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NACo Webinar: Advancing Safety & Justice

On January 25, 2018, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. EST, the National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar titled [County Roles and Opportunities in Advancing Safety and Justice through Collaboration](#). This is one of a three-part webinar series that will focus on key areas of local criminal justice systems that affect counties and offer strategies counties can employ to address these issues, make their justice systems work more effectively and efficiently, and ultimately lead to safer and healthier communities. This webinar will highlight ways counties can develop and enhance collaboration to improve information sharing within the justice system.

To register for the webinar, please [click here](#)

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Next Week: Committee Agendas

- The full schedule for the Joint Appropriations Committee Budget Hearing and House Appropriation Subcommittee meetings can be found [here](#).
- The [Senate Rules Committee](#) will meet on Monday, January 22nd, at 1:30 p.m. in Senate Caucus Room 1
- The [Senate Commerce and Public Safety Committee](#) will meet on Monday, January 22nd, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 1
- The [Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee](#) will meet on Monday, January 22nd, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 109
- The [House Banking and Insurance Committee](#) will meet on Monday, January 22nd, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 5
- The [House Military, Veterans and Regulatory Affairs Committee](#) will meet on Monday, January 22nd, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 3
- The [Senate Appropriations Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, January 23rd, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 109
- The [Senate Transportation and Technology Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, January 23rd, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 1
- The [House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Welfare](#) will meet on Tuesday, January 23rd, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 5
- The [House Commerce Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, January 23rd, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 1.
- The [House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, January 23rd, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 3
- The [House on Federalism, Property Rights and Public Policy](#) will meet on Tuesday, January 23rd, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 4
- The [Senate Finance Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 24th, at 9:00 a.m. in Senate Hearing Room 1

- The [House Local and International Affairs Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 24th, at 9:00 a.m. in House Hearing Room 5
- The [House Appropriations Subcommittee on Education](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 24th, at 9:30 a.m. in House Hearing Room 4
- The [House Ways and Means Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 24th, at 10:00 a.m. in House Hearing Room 1
- The [House Appropriations Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 24th, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 1
- The [Senate Government Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 24th, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 109
- The [Senate Health and Human Services Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 24th, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 1
- The [House Judiciary and Public Safety Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 24th, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 4
- The [House Transportation and Infrastructure](#) will meet on Wednesday, January 24th, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 3
- The [Senate Judiciary Committee](#) will not meet on Thursday, January 25th
- The [House Government Committee](#) will meet on Thursday, January 25th, at 9:00 a.m. in House Hearing Room 1
- The [House Health Committee](#) will meet on Thursday, January 25th, at 9:00 a.m. in House Hearing Room 4
- The [House Appropriations Subcommittee on Public Safety, Infrastructure and Resources](#) will meet on Thursday, January 25th, at 9:00 a.m. in House Hearing Room 5
- The [House Committee on Land, Agriculture and Rural Affairs](#) will meet on Thursday, January 25th, at 10:00 a.m. in House Hearing Room 3

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