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New Supervisors Spotlight: Supervisor Paul David, Graham County

With the county elections that occurred across Arizona in 2016, 18 new supervisors were elected to office. With the large number of new faces added to the roster of county supervisors, we would like to take the opportunity each week to introduce one of them, in alphabetical order by county, then district number.

Name: Supervisor Paul David

County: Graham County

District: 1

Birthdate: April 4

Education: B.S. in Civil Engineering; Professional Engineer License



Family: Supervisor David currently lives in Safford with his wife Laura who is an English teacher. They have five grown children who live across the country, and a total of 10 grandchildren.

Length of time in Arizona: Supervisor David is a native of Arizona, and has spent most of his life in Safford. Prior to his election, he was a small business owner with his father running David's Safford Funeral Home. He also spent 17 years working as an engineer with the Arizona Department of Transportation, and retired last summer before beginning his campaign.

Civic organization involvement: Supervisor David is an active member of Lion's Club International, and serves his church as Ward Clerk/Secretary.

Favorite book: Although there are a number of books that Supervisor David fondly remembers reading over the years, the most recent book he has enjoyed was *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics* by Daniel James Brown.

Best piece of advice received: One bit of advice that Supervisor David has tried to live by throughout his life is to always have your heart filled with gratitude and to remain sensitive to the plight of the less fortunate. In many counties across the state, there are a disproportionate number of people who face a wide variety of social and economic hardships, and that through service to our communities we can all help to make a great impact on those who need it the most.

Inspiration to run for county supervisor: One of the main motivations for him to run for county supervisor was the respect and admiration he holds for previous Graham County supervisors such as Delbert Householder, Terry Bingham, and Mark Harrington who were dedicated to helping the citizens of Graham County. Supervisor David also explained that as a former funeral home owner, he and his father often worked with many San Carlos Apache tribe members, and is passionate about providing a voice in county government for those who often go underrepresented and underserved.

Favorite place in Graham County: For Supervisor David, his family cabin located on Mount Graham is his favorite place to escape to. Not only does it provide a cool respite during the blistering summer months, it also allows him to spend quality time with his family and friends away from the hustle and bustle of daily life.

Most admired Arizona political figure: Supervisor David noted that one of his most admired and respected Arizona political figures is “One-Eyed” Jack Williams, who is most well known as a radio announcer, a two-term Mayor of Phoenix, as well as three-term Governor of Arizona. He explained that Mr. Williams seemed to be “one of the last straight shooters” who didn’t act like a typical bureaucrat, and demonstrated no guile or chicanery in his approach to Arizona politics and government.

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Secretary Reagan Presents to CSA



On Thursday, Arizona Secretary of State Michele Reagan addressed the CSA Board of Directors regarding elections procedures and her plans for a new voter information system. The new information system, to be known as the Arizona Voter Information Database (AVID), will provide more comprehensive voter information than the current system. Secretary Reagan pointed out that the current system is ten years old and uses a computer program that only a handful of programmers within the state know how to work with. Secretary Reagan said that the cost to counties of installing and maintaining AVID was unknown, but AVID’s rollout would follow the current payment model, wherein the state pays to develop the voter information system and counties have the option to subscribe to it. Secretary Reagan also said regarding subscription fees there would be two price points, one if all the counties, including Maricopa and Pima counties, opt into the system, and the other if Maricopa and Pima counties decline to do so.

Maricopa and Pima currently use their own voter information systems. In response to a question about the state simply adopting one of their systems, Secretary Reagan stated that Maricopa’s system did not provide all the desired functionality while Pima’s was too proprietary for adoption. According to Reagan AVID will be able to communicate with Maricopa and Pima’s systems. AVID will be an “off the shelf” system so that upgrades can be implemented without expensive development of brand new hardware and programs. AVID will also be mobile-friendly and enable voters to find up to date information about their voter registration status and polling place locations. Secretary Reagan said that once installed, AVID would efficiently provide a wealth of election data to voters, elected officials and the public at large.



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CSA Board of Directors Welcomes NACo Second Vice President



On Thursday, the National Association of Counties’ (NACo) Second Vice President and San Diego, California’s District One Supervisor, Greg Cox, presented to CSA’s monthly Board of Directors meeting. Supervisor Cox described NACo’s mission to advocate with and for counties across the United States, and provided updates on the organization’s advocacy efforts at the federal level which include protecting the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds, the promotion of county surface transportation priorities, and helping to protect the federal-state-local partnership for Medicaid. Supervisor Cox also emphasized the benefits of becoming a member of the organization, as well as the opportunity for county supervisors to be nominated to a NACo policy steering committee where they can play an important role in the development of national policy issues affecting counties, as well as represent Arizona on a national level.

Supervisor Greg Cox has served as the county supervisor for San Diego’s first district since 1995. He has been active in NACo since 2002 and has served on the association’s Board of Directors. Supervisor Cox is the only elected official in California to have been elected by his peers to serve as both the President of the California State Association of Counties and the President of the League of California Cities. In 2016, Greg Cox was elected as

NACo's Second Vice President, and continues to work toward the implementation of innovative and comprehensive ways to deliver valuable services, not only for his county but counties across the nation.

For more information and to find out how to get involved in NACo steering committees, click [here](#).

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Update from Senator Flake's Office

On Thursday, Director of Outreach for Senator Jeff Flake's Office, Buchanan Davis, presented to our CSA Board of Directors meeting.

Davis spoke about issues of common interest between Senator Flake and the counties. He encouraged counties to reach out to Senator Flake regarding issues he should engage in or meetings that it would be useful for him or his staff to attend. In response to a question about Senator Flake's plans for spring break, Davis indicated he would be in Arizona for at least part of the time but said he did not know the senator's exact schedule.

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Session Snapshot

Today marks the 68th day of the 53rd Legislative Session.

There is just one week left of regular hearings in both chambers to hear the remaining bills that originated in the opposite chamber. After that, the only thing that stands between legislators and the summer is finalizing a state budget. Last year the Legislative Session ended on May 7, 2016 and the year before that, legislators finished working on April 3. With the summer temperatures already hitting 1700 West Washington Street, legislators and staff are feeling the heat in more ways than one.

As always, our staff will continue to analyze and monitor each bill as it moves through the process and we will determine if it has an impact on our counties.

For more information on legislative deadlines, please [click here](#).

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The Surreal Life of Governor Fife Symington

Have you ever been curious to learn more about Arizona's 19th Governor, Fife Symington? Then look no further than the Arizona Capitol Museum's special exhibit which opened on February 9. The former Governor himself was there to inaugurate the display, which is located on the third floor museum addition at the Arizona Capitol Museum/Arizona State Library.

A chronicling of the life and times of John Fife Symington III has been put on display thanks to a literal treasure trove of memorabilia and family mementoes discovered in a trunk belonging to his mother. Items on display at the exhibit include the trunk itself, family photos and letters, political campaign material, the Bronze Star received for his military service during the Vietnam War, and more. The exhibit is expected to run through the end of May, and is free to the public.



To find out more information on exhibit hours and location, please follow this [link](#).

Sources: [AZ Family](#) & [Facebook Photo of Gov. Symington](#)

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Next Week: Committee Agendas

- The [House Banking and Insurance Committee](#) will meet on Monday, March 20, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 5.
- The [House Military, Veterans & Regulatory Affairs Committee](#) will meet on Monday, March 20, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 3.
- The [Senate Commerce & Public Safety Committee](#) will meet on Monday, March 20, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 1.
- The [Senate Natural Resources, Energy, and Water Committee](#) will meet on Monday, March 20, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 109.
- The [House Commerce Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 21, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 1.
- The [House Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 21, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 3.
- The [House Federalism, Property Rights, & Public Policy Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 21, at 2:00 p.m. in House Hearing Room 4.
- The [Senate Appropriations Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 21, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 109.
- The [Senate Transportation & Technology Committee](#) will meet on Tuesday, March 21, at 2:00 p.m. in Senate Hearing Room 1.
- The [Senate Finance Committee](#) will meet on Wednesday, March 22, at 9:00 a.m. in Senate Hearing Room 1.

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