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New Supervisor Spotlight: Supervisor Travis Simshauser, Apache County

Last month, the Apache County Board of Supervisors voted to appoint new Supervisor Travis Simshauser to represent District 3. He was appointed to replace former Apache County Supervisor Doyel Shamley, who recently resigned to run for the Arizona State Legislature.

Name: Supervisor Travis Simshauser

County: Apache County

District: 3

Family: Supervisor Simshauser is the proud father of four children and has the privilege of being a grandpa to four grandchildren.

Education: He is a graduate of Round Valley High School in Apache County.

Occupation History: Prior to his appointment as District 3 County Supervisor, Supervisor Simshauser spent most of his career serving the residents of Apache County. First as a firefighter with Puerco Valley Fire District, rising to the rank of Captain, and as an elected member of the Puerco Valley Fire District Board. He then served with the Apache County Sheriff's Office, rising through the ranks from Deputy Sheriff to District Commander of the Northern district which covers the area of Witch wells to the Utah state line.

In 2008, Supervisor Simshauser left public service to work in the oil industry for several years. He served as a health, safety, environmental, and operations manager with several companies. Eventually he took the role as the Chief Operating Officer for an oilfield operations company.

Supervisor Simshauser returned to public service as an investigator with the Apache County Attorney's Office. He then joined Supervisor Doyel Shamley's staff in 2017 as the District Manager, responsible for project development and implementation, day to day operations, and budgeting.

Length of time in Arizona: Supervisor Simshauser has been a resident of Apache County since 1977 when his family moved to Navajo, Arizona. He grew up working with his parents and grandparents on the Spurlock Ranch in Navajo.

Community engagement: Supervisor Simshauser has been a volunteer JV football coach for the past eight years in Sanders and nine years in St. Johns. He also spent time volunteering as a track and wrestling coach. When asked why he has spent so much time coaching kids, he shared how much he loves coaching and working with youth in his community.



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Joint Legislative Budget Committee Meets

On Tuesday, June 19, the [Joint Legislative Budget Committee](#) (Committee) met to take action on expenditure requests and transfers. The Committee approved the Arizona Department of Public Safety FY2019 expenditure plan for the Gang and Immigration Intelligence Team Enforcement Mission (GIITEM) Border Security and Law Enforcement Subaccount. Of the \$2.4 million in total expenditures, \$1 million will be used for border security and law enforcement grants; \$500,000 for the detention liaison officer program; \$495,800 for border county officers and \$350,000 for the border crimes unit.

The Arizona Secretary of State (SOS) requested approval for a 5-year expenditure plan for Help America Vote Act projects. The Committee approved \$2.3 million to complete the voter registration database and \$479,100 for an election security assessment in FY2019 and required the SOS to return to the Committee for review prior to expending any funds in FY2020. The Committee did not approve the request by the SOS to increase the cost sharing arrangement for the operating costs associated with the voter registration system from 25 percent to 50 percent. Instead, the Committee approved the current 25 percent so the full Legislature may consider the cost sharing arrangement during the next Regular Session.

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Legislative Council Adopts Ballot Analysis

On Thursday, June 28, the [Legislative Council](#) met to adopt an impartial ballot analysis pursuant to [A.R.S. § 19-124](#). The analysis must be written in clear and concise terms, may contain background information, and is included in the publicity pamphlet with the arguments for and against the measure. Legislative Council approved the ballot analyses for [HCR 2032 public retirement systems](#), [HCR 2007 clean elections; unlawful contributions; rulemaking](#) and [R-02-2018 empowerment scholarships; expansion; phase-in](#).

Ballot measure petitions were required to be submitted to the Arizona Secretary of State (SOS) by Thursday, July 5, 2018. Arguments for or against a ballot measure may be submitted to the SOS through the [2018 General Election Ballot Measure Argument Portal](#) for a \$75.00 fee by Wednesday, July 11, 2018.

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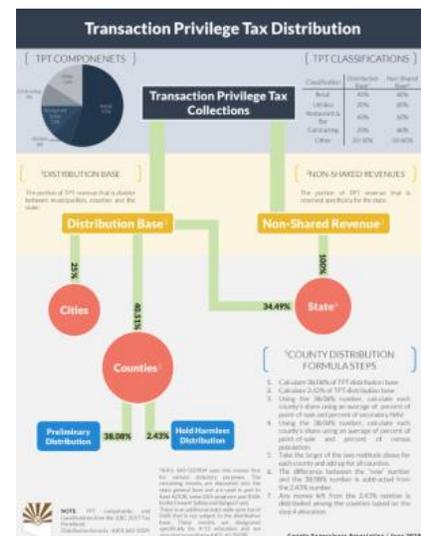
Updated Shared TPT Distribution Chart

As a reference tool, CSA staff has updated the distribution flowchart that outlines how state shared sales tax dollars are distributed to local governments. Included in this document is the proportion of the tax base that each class of goods makes up, as well as how the revenue from those classes is divided between the distribution base and the state's exclusive share of Transaction Privilege Tax (TPT) revenues. Additionally, it also includes how the county portion of the distribution base is split across counties.

In 1937, counties originally received a portion of the then temporary sales tax in order to provide relief to counties that were struggling financially due to high rates of property tax delinquency during the Great Depression. The current formula to distribute state shared sales tax was put in place in 1994 at least in part to provide counties with additional revenues so they could reduce property tax rates. In this revision, counties received an additional 2.43% of the distribution base in order to hold counties harmless when the county distribution changed from being based on point-of-sale and assessed value to point-of-sale and population. This formula allows counties to receive the higher of the two distribution amounts.

For more information on how TPT revenues are distributed 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.

Last week CSA traveled to Gila County and the week after next CSA staff will be briefing the Board of Santa Cruz County. Over the course of the summer, we will visit each of the 15 counties to brief them on the recent legislative session and our work going into 2019.

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NACo Webinar: SLLC Supreme Court Review

On July 24, 2018 , from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., EST, the National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar titled [SLLC Supreme Court Review](#).

Between the internet sales tax case, partisan gerrymandering, the union dues case, the travel ban, and a number of First Amendment cases, this Supreme Court term will have implications for states and local governments for decades to come. Eric Citron, Goldstein & Russell, who briefed the internet sales tax case, Shay Dvoretzky, who argued a First Amendment retaliatory arrest case, and Lydia Wheeler, a legal and regulatory affairs reporter for The Hill, will participate in a discussion of some of the most important cases of the term for states and local governments.

For information and to register for the webinar, please [click here](#).

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